Moultrie County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library, Sullivan, Illinois

Facilitators: Kandis Mills, ROSC Council Coordinator

ROSC Council Recovery Navigator: Josh Forbes, Recovery Navigator

Attendance

- Kandis Mills – Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator
- Josh Forbes – Moultrie County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator
- Toni Randall – Statewide ROSC Technical Assistant, Region IV (online)
- Nathan Nichols – CEFS (online)
- Kristin Davis-Family Guidance Center (online)
  Brittany Kelley– IPS Program, Moultrie County Counseling Center
- Becky Comstock – Dove, Inc. Domestic Violence Program Coordinator
- Tera Couve – CFS Homeless Care Manager

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and shared their agency affiliations. The group also responded to the icebreaker question: "What is one small thing you have seen in our community recently that gave you hope?"

Spotlight Presentation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Becky Comstock of Dove, Inc. presented information in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Becky has worked with Dove since November 2019.

- Dove assists people seeking safety and explores multiple service pathways based on each person's needs.
- Shelter locations are available in Decatur and Charleston, with security procedures in place to protect residents.
- Support groups are offered on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m at the Decatur Dove location.
- Dove advocates for children and teens affected by domestic violence, including youth as young as 12 or 13. When law enforcement responds and a child is involved, DCFS is contacted as required.
- The Decatur location provides education and community outreach.
- The group discussed the connection between substance use disorder, domestic violence, and mental health.
- A candlelight service was announced for October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Decatur.
- Dove offers 40-hour domestic violence training. Completion of the training is required for domestic violence data-entry work.

Holiday and Community Assistance

- Dove is coordinating holiday assistance that includes coats, shoes, hats, gloves, stockings, blankets, and Toys for Tots gifts.

- The holiday toy shop is planned for December 4–15. Items in high demand include hats and gloves, and the program plans to provide three gifts for each child when possible.
- ROSC Council members and partner agencies may contact Becky or the Dove Decatur location about hosting a collection drive.
- Dove also provides financial and energy assistance services for residents of Moultrie, Macon, and DeWitt Counties.

Priority Project Updates

Recovery Resources

- Updated resource guides were printed and distributed throughout Moultrie County, including Moultrie Counseling Center, CEFS, pharmacies, churches, and DOPP sites.
- The remaining guides will be delivered during October, and work will continue on the next update.
- Transportation to recovery meetings, treatment, medical care, and other appointments remains an important recovery-resource priority in the ROSC Council's strategic plan.
- Nathan Nichols described his transportation duties and explained how CEFS may assist eligible community members with transportation and service coordination.

Medication-Assisted Recovery and the County Jail

- The ROSC Council discussed ongoing collaboration with the jail administrator, sheriff, probation, local MAR providers, and people with lived experience.
- The jail continues with MAR for individuals who arrive already receiving medication; procedures for initiating MAR for new participants remain under development.
- MAR Now remains available as a resource. The council will continue clarifying the process and sharing accurate information with jail partners.
- The annual community survey includes questions about MAR and the county jail to help measure public understanding and opinion.
- A community MAR panel involving jail administration, the sheriff, probation, and community members will be planned after survey findings are reviewed.
- The Recovery Navigator continues providing peer support in the jail and can provide MAR education when requested.
- The coordinator discussed adding MAR education and resource information to the jail kiosk and/or developing a resource binder for inmates and staff.

Recovery Court Exploration

- The Director of Probation reported that the judge has concerns about cost but is willing to review information gathered about neighboring recovery courts.
- The community survey includes questions about the Recovery Court to gather public input.
- The Coordinator and Navigator visited neighboring programs in Coles and Champaign Counties and gathered information about operations, costs, and feasibility.
- Information from Douglas County and other neighboring programs will be compiled and shared with probation and judicial stakeholders.

Strategic Plan

The ROSC Council will review and revise the strategic plan through January to ensure that priorities continue to reflect Moultrie County's recovery needs. Members were invited to share recommendations about changing needs and areas where the council should pivot.

Recovery Navigator Update

- Peer support continues at the Moultrie County Jail.
- Community education and wellness groups continue at the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library in Sullivan.

Upcoming Activities

- The ROSC Council is exploring a Christmas community event, potentially in partnership with Dove, Inc.
- A possible Valentine's event is being considered for February.
- Community-survey distribution remains a priority. Members were asked to share paper copies and the QR code throughout the county.

Action Items

- Kandis and Josh will finish delivering the remaining resource guides and continue updating the guide during October.
- ROSC Council members will continue sharing the community survey through paper copies and the QR code.
- Kandis and jail partners will work on adding MAR education and resources to the jail kiosk and/or resource binder.
- Kandis and Josh will compile information from neighboring Recovery Courts for probation and judicial stakeholders.
- ROSC Council members will share strategic-plan feedback and recommendations through January 2027.
- Interested partners will coordinate with Dove regarding holiday donations or a collection drive before December.
- Kandis, Josh, and CEFS will make sure current transportation information is included in the resource guide and shared with residents who need rides to meetings, treatment, or appointments.

Closing

No formal motions were recorded in the notes provided. The meeting concluded at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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