

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Notes

Date: September 23, 2026 **Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom and In-Person at the Douglas County Annex, 209 East Van Allen, Tuscola, IL

Douglas County ROSC Council Meeting Attendees:

Online: **Matthew Hales**- Newman Library, **Jason Rudolph**-Public Health Champaign-Urbana, **Michelle Hibbard**-Rosecrance, **Becky Beck**- Family First Advocacy, **Christine Pierce**-Carle Outreach, **Summer Phillips**-Douglas County Health Department, **Russell Zillman**-Roscecrance, **Kristen Davis**-Family Guidance Center, **Jenna Slaughter**-Workforce Office Tuscola, **Megan Janes**-MAAK Transportation, LLC., **Toni-Randall**-Statewide ROSC TA Region 4, **Connie Donley**-Family Service Senior Resource Center Champaign, **Nicole Dowling** -Family Service Champaign, **Amber Clark**-VA Services, **Mariah Witmer**-HOPE of East Central Illinois, **Tony Hooker**-Parkland College

In Person: **Lyndsey Reedy**- Douglas County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Kandis Mills**- Moultrie County ROSC Council Coordinator, **Rob Wentz**-Community Member, **Jason Pantier**- Douglas County Probation, **Ken Holland**-Community Member, **Josh Forbes**-Douglas County ROSC Council Navigator

Guest speaker: Nicole Dowling, Executive Director Family Service of Champaign County

Nicole gave the ROSC Council the information about how Mr. Meister left a financial gift when he passed. The City of Tuscola, Family Service of Champaign County and the Tuscola Community Foundation are working together to make some updates and renovations to an existing building in Tuscola so that the Senior Center can open soon. The center will offer existing and expanded activities/services. This location will offer many benefits to community members. There are lots of plans in the works that include Peace Meal, crochet/knitting group, lunch with guest speakers, coffee group, bingo, and more. There are plans to work with Dial a Ride to offer special trips to places like the Scovill Zoo (Dementia and Alzheimer's Friendly) and the pumpkin patch. Before the renovations are complete, they will be looking for an Activities Coordinator to help with all the daily happenings at the center.

Connie and Nicole also wanted to let everyone know that October is Medicare open enrollment time so you can contact Connie with any questions on this.

To reach Connie the Aging Services Navigator for Douglas County please call 217-599-1324 or email cdonley@familyservicecc.org .

Updates related to Priority Projects- Transitional Housing, MAR/Harm Reduction, Recovery Court

- Update for transitional housing –There are beds available at PJ's Place. The next **Transitional Housing Meeting** is **October 7th** starting at 10 am location will be PJ's Place in Tuscola
- The Recovery Court Team continues to meet monthly and work on the participant handbook, policies, procedures, and gathering information from treatment providers. If you would like to help with planning, volunteering, or speaking at the upcoming community discussion on Recovery Court please contact Kandis at kandism@hourhousetorecovery.org .

STYLE Group (Strength Through Your Lived Experience)

The group is open to anyone for support, encouragement, and to help plan community activities. People may be or have been impacted by different lived experiences so please feel free to come to this group. All are welcome! **Next STYLE meeting** is on **November 17th** at 6 pm at PJ's Place in Tuscola.

Navigator Community Group

- Community Wellness group will be **Thursdays at Home Town Grounds Coffee & Events in Tuscola from Noon-1:00 pm in person or zoom option is available.** All are welcome!

Upcoming Douglas County ROSC Council hosted or partnered events

- **Free Laundry** event in Villa Grove is happening October 30th from 4pm -6pm or until funds are out.
- **Sensory Trick or Treat** October 24th at the Community Building in Tuscola.

Open discussion

Becky Beck shared about an IEP Bootcamp for parents happening in Mattoon at the Salvation Army on October 12th.

Megan has a flyer for everyone on Transportation with MAAK.

Summer said to watch for more information from the Douglas County Health Department soon on a Women's Health Fair that is happening in November. She also said the Health Department is hosting a Car Seat Check event tomorrow from 2pm-4pm.

Christine reminded everyone about the partial inpatient program with Carle.

Next Council Meeting: October 28rd. 2026 starting at 10 am located at 209 E Van Allen Tuscola and on Zoom.