

Clinton County ROSC – Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

Time: 11:00am – 11:55am

Location: 501 9th Street, Carlyle, IL & via Zoom ONLY this month.

Attendees

In-Person: N/A

Via Zoom:

Nellie Paskavich, Sheridan Jordan, Phyllis Babrove, Kara Wardein, Kira Maxey, Heather Creasy, Craig and Deb Loddeke, Nay Muhammad, Mandy Ocepek

Presentation

Nellie Paskavich presented a PowerPoint covering survey data and gap analysis results. Focus was placed on aligning future strategies for coalition growth and long-term sustainability.

Based on the analysis of community survey responses, several key gaps have emerged from this assessment. Among the most critical areas are:

1. Access to Mental Health Services – A significant portion of respondents identified inadequate access to mental health care as a primary concern. Barriers such as lack of local providers and affordability issues were mentioned.
2. Transportation Barriers – Lack of reliable transportation was repeatedly cited as a challenge in accessing treatment, recovery services, and even basic healthcare. Enhancing transportation support—through partnerships, ride programs, or funding initiatives—can directly improve access to care.
3. Stigma and Community Education – The survey indicates persistent stigma around mental health and substance use, which acts as a barrier to individuals seeking help. Community-wide education efforts and lived experience storytelling should be prioritized to foster empathy and understanding.
4. Harm Reduction Awareness and Access – While support for harm reduction exists, access to resources like naloxone and overdose education is limited or poorly understood. Expanding harm reduction outreach, training, and visibility is a key step in saving lives and reducing stigma.
5. Youth and Prevention Services – Responses show a notable concern about the lack of prevention programs for youth related to mental health and substance use. The ROSC Council can play a

pivotal role in partnering with schools and youth-serving organizations to build proactive, age-appropriate programming.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Education & Prevention:**

Chairperson Breanna Polk was not present.

- **Law Enforcement:**

(Seeking local law enforcement Clinton County chair report)

- **Treatment & Recovery:**

Co-Chairs Cara Loddeke and Stephanie Zimmerman not present.

- **Family Support:**

Craig Loddeke continues to receive 1-2 phone calls per month via his Warm Line. Craig and Deb Loddeke provide empathy, support, advice, and resources to callers.

- **Finance:**

- ROSC grant budget is in spend-down mode.

- Planned spending includes z-fold brochures, flyers, and advertisement efforts.

- **Marketing:**

Chairperson: Nellie Paskavich (stepping down May 1st) Nellie will continue supporting marketing while transitioning out of her role.

- Campaign in progress: *Prevent Child Abuse Illinois*.

- Drug Court participants have distributed flyers and shared campaign photos on Facebook.

- Planning has started for *Mental Health Awareness Month* in May.

- Focus on highlighting community resources and expressing gratitude.
- Flyers, z-folds, and agency sign-ups for August/September events are in progress.

- **Spirituality:**

Craig & Deb Loddeke drafted a letter they plan to send to churches of Clinton County in

May, seeking partnership. Craig and Deb have intentions of following up with churches after May.

Craig spoke at Breese Community Church in March and 3 new people signed up to participate with TAC. They plan on speaking at the Life Church in Carlyle on April 27th at both the 9 am and 10:30 am services. They will have a table set up at this service for sign-up and additional information about how community members can get involved with TAC.

- **Veterans:**

Chairperson Position: Open

- Veteran support updates were noted; Andy Linder is temporarily stepping back but be still providing information.

- **Hispanic/Latino/Latina:**

Chairperson Position: Open

- Alma Geronimo is stepping back from her position as chairperson as well.

- **LGBTQIA+ Representation:**

- New representative: Billi Bunch was not present.

Additional Information & Announcements

No additional comments were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55am

Next Meeting

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Location:** 501 9th Street, Carlyle, IL & via Zoom
- **Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/96744943725>
- **Meeting ID:** 967 4494 3725



<https://govst.org>

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to focus on the well-being of children and to work towards a society where all children are safe and nurtured.

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Department of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery



APRIL 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 4th: Wear BLUE Day
- Week of April 21st
 - Paint the Town Blue
 - Local businesses and organizations encouraged to participate in decorating the outside of their buildings in blue, this could be window paint, blue lights, pinwheels or sidewalk chalk
 - CAP Walk Marion County
 - Join us April 22nd for a walk around the Marion County Courthouse in Salem from 12-1pm



COUNTIES JOINING TOGETHER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04 GO BLUE DAY	05
	GO BLUE ILLINOIS GET READY !!! LET'S GO CLINTON COUNTY! LIKE AND SHARE THIS POST!					
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	THANK A TEACHER OR SUPPORT A DAYCARE WITH A BLUE GIFT PROMOTE BLUE SOCKS for fun !					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	SUPPORT A NON PROFIT In Your Community THAT ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN SOME EXAMPLES ARE SAFE, AMY SCHULZ CENTER, COPING 4 LIFE, CASA					
20	21 Paint the Town Blue	22 CAP Walk Marion County	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
SHARE SHARE SHARE FACEBOOK, INSTA and Tag US on Take Action Coalition of Clinton County WE WANT TO SHOW ILLINOIS WHAT WE GOT! WE LOVE CLINTON COUNTY KIDS!						

THANK YOU CLINTON COUNTY!!!

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