



Perry/ Jackson ROSC Council
(Hybrid) Meeting 4/17/2025 @ 1:00 PM

Attendees

Mandy Hagen – ROSC Coordinator mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

Kelsey Driskell - ROSC Support Specialist, TAT kelseyd@takeactiontoday.net

Michelle Buckley – Outreach Worker, Oxford House
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Sherry Smedshammer- Crisis Resource Developer Centerstone
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Shara Robinson- Community Development Coordinator, TAT
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Justin Miller - CPRSS, Recovery Services Coordinator TAT justinm@takeactiontoday.net

Mike Tyson – CPRS, Director of Community Development TAT
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Mandi Sprague – Director of Community Engagement Timber View Wellness
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Kara Doan – Founder Timber View Wellness kara.doan@timberviewwellness.org

Sue Herbert – Case Worker, Land of Lincoln sherbert@lincolnlegal.org

Leah Naraine – Omni Youth Services lnaraine@omni4all.org

Amber Mulkins – Union County Peer Specialist amber.mulkins@myarrowleaf.org

Elaina Holland – PLE Recovery050522@gmail.com

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of 04/16/2025 meeting minutes:

1st motion to approve by Kelsey Driskell

2nd motion to approve by Sherry Smedshammer

Presentation By:

Kara Doan Founder of Restoration 61, and Mandi Sprague, Director of Community Engagement for both Timber View Wellness and Restoration 61. They spoke on Restoration 61, which is growing to take on new initiatives, including offering housing to youth and adult victims of human trafficking. They stated the difference between human trafficking, sex work, labor trafficking, and also explained what grooming is. Kara Doan has been working in the human trafficking, anti-trafficking space since 2015 and are currently a statewide organization that has launched out of Northern Illinois but has moved to Marion Illinois. They provide services to individuals who have experienced human trafficking, been in commercial sex work, or have experienced exploitation, both in labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

Every year in January, they do an arrest of individuals trying to buy sex with minors, and they always have 8 or 9 of those arrests in Williamson County over only 3 days. She shared tips on how to create a space where the victim can avoid any eye contact with the "person in charge" of them, to help build trust and make them feel a little safer speaking with them.

They spoke on what was available inside of their street outreach bags including a card that says "Connect With An Advocate", that doesn't have the organization's name on it to alert their pimp.

For more information, please contact Restoration 61:

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Old Business:

1. Went over the PJRC Strategic Plan goals:
 - Goal A: Increase community awareness of the PJRC development and mission.
 - Goal B: Reduce stigma against people affected by substance use, mental health issues, homelessness, criminal history, and/or those living in recovery.
 - Goal C: Continue developing a fully representative ROSC.
 - Goal D: Increase awareness of recovery support services in our area.

As we implement our strategic plan, we will continue to visit our goals during our upcoming ROSC meetings and discuss ways to achieve them.

2. St. Patrick's Day Parade in Murphysboro was a success! We had 21 people join us walking, handing out beaded necklaces, pens, and informational flyers.
 - We are also interested in participating in more parades so if anyone knows of any more coming up in Perry/Jackson County, please message Kelsey Driskell @ kelseyd@takeactiontoday.net

New Business:

1. PJRC "Pop Ups" are coming back!
 - We have partnered with Centerstone, doing "pop-ups" in Carbondale and Murphysboro. If anyone is interested in joining us there is a Smartsheet Schedule with several dates and times. Please reach out to Aaron Siebert @ aaron.siebert@centerstone.org
 - We will begin some outreach efforts in Murphysboro and Dowell as a suggestion for smaller rural areas to spread awareness.
2. Recovery Fun Nights are in the planning stage!
 - Carbondale – We will use TAT Resource Center location to host these events.
 - Suggestions: board games with small prizes for winners, a movie night with popcorn and drinks, although food and drinks will have to be donation-based, as our grant doesn't cover these. We could also do some Arts and Crafts. Bowling night or skating night also.
3. S.I.R.N. will be hosting a Conference for Peer Recovery Specialists and Community Health Workers on May 23rd at John A Logan College.
 - We are looking for resource vendors!
 - If you are interested in setting up a table, please contact Shara Robinson, sharar@takeactiontoday.net

Upcoming Events

- April 22nd Youth Mental Health Training – ROE 21: John A Logan
- April 26th Southern Table Community Food Pantry: Murphysboro 10am-12pm
- May 3rd Community Free Sale with The Little Resource Center in Carbondale 10am-1pm
- May 23rd SIRN Conference @ John A Logan

Upcoming Meeting:

Next month's meeting will be held at the Murphysboro United Methodist Church!

Timber View Wellness will be presenting!

Next Meeting: May 21st, 2025 @ 1:00PM

Location: 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro Illinois.

Or by Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92445073407?pwd=RkRCV2NWR05jVVhENzdqRDdJR0w1QT09>