

Ford County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 8:30 AM (Zoom)

Definition of ROSC: A Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to experience recovery and improved health, wellness and quality of life for those with or at risk of substance use and/or co-occurring conditions. The central focus of a ROSC is to create an infrastructure, or “systems of care”, with the resources to effectively address the full range of substance use and/or co-occurring disorders within communities.

Our Mission: Bring the community together to build a recovery support system to improve health, wellness and quality of life, through education, stigma reduction, and access to resources.

Attendance:

1. Frankie Ward (Chestnut Health Systems, Recovery Specialist)
2. Kari Knapp (Chestnut Health Systems, Associate of Community Health)
3. Barbara Brumleve (Ford County ROSC, McLean County ROSC, Chestnut)
6. Kami Garrison (Chestnut Health Systems, TA ROSC)
7. Megan Ramirez (Consortium Coordinator - Gibson Area Hospital)
9. Lynn Matthews (CRCC)
13. Melissa Watson (Family and Community Engagement-Birth to Nine)
14. Odette Hyatt-Watson (East Central Community Action)
16. Jennifer Harrison (Ford County Probation)
17. Melissa Watson (Birth to Five)
18. Sam Kortkamp (Chestnut Health Systems)
19. Carrie McKinzie (Gateway)
20. April Garcia (Brightpoint)
21. Liam Wheeler (Continuum of Care (CoC))

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Spotlight: Liam Wheeler – Continuum of Care (CoC)Coordinator - CICoC@mcchs.org
- Main Topic: Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Goals
- Updates/Upcoming Events
- Available Trainings
- Agency Updates/Questions

The meeting began with Barb Brumleve leading introductions among participants, including the featured speaker, Liam Wheeler. Frankie Ward outlined the agenda, which featured Liam Wheeler from the

Central Illinois Continuum of Care as a speaker and included discussions on the strategic plan and breakout sessions for collaboration.

Spotlight: Continuum of Care (CoC)

Liam outlined several funding initiatives aimed at addressing homelessness in Ford County, including a flexible homeless prevention program and rapid rehousing options. The rapid rehousing program offers short-term rental assistance for up to two years, while the scattered site permanent supportive housing is designed for individuals with disabilities needing ongoing support. Each program includes case management to assist clients in achieving permanent housing.

Liam highlighted the ongoing efforts to address homelessness in Ford County, noting the importance of local representation in the continuum of care. He mentioned the need for community members to participate in discussions about funding and services, as well as the upcoming bimonthly meetings. Liam also pointed out the responsibility of the continuum of care to create an emergency transfer plan for individuals experiencing domestic violence.

Liam asked that anyone with questions to please reach out to him at CICoC@mcchs.org.

Main Topic: Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Goals

Frankie Ward outlined the strategic plan for the Ford County ROSC, aiming to boost awareness by 20% in three years. Key objectives include improving social media engagement, forming new community partnerships monthly, and participating in at least six community events annually. The council will also conduct breakout sessions to discuss potential partnerships and strategies for engaging individuals with lived experience.

Break out Room Questions:

1. What community organizations or sectors we haven't partnered with yet?

Schools, school counselors, social workers, school nurse, secretary, truancy, ROE of Ford County, Senior Care Network, Health Department, Law enforcement-rural, northern part of Ford County and faith-based communities.

2. How can we engage more people with lived experience?

Subcommittee for PLES outside of office hours, GROW, 12 step meetings, Pixton (makes stories look like comics)

3. How can we better communicate the value of partnering with ROSC?

Lunch and Learns, ROSC 101, Chamber, Rotary meetings, Lions, Legions, Kiwanis, VFW

4. Where in the community do we have the greatest opportunity to increase visibility?

Social media, partner with established events

Note: Odette Watson highlighted the need to engage more community organizations and individuals with lived experience in ROSC initiatives, suggesting partnerships with Cloth Alliance and faith-based groups. She emphasized the importance of communicating the value of participation, particularly in light of staff shortages. Melissa Watson contributed additional ideas, including outreach to senior care networks and schools, and the potential for anonymous participation for those with lived experience.

ROSC Updates:

Frankie Ward shared information about the **reframing recovery campaign** and upcoming events, such as the **East Central Illinois Community Action Agency's health fair on May 11** and **All Awareness Day on July 20**. **Melissa Watson** highlighted a survey to identify transportation issues faced by families, aiming to connect with transit agencies and legislators for solutions. **Lynn Mathews** announced an art contest for Mental Health Awareness Month, encouraging youth participation.

Updates and Upcoming Events

Reframing Recovery Campaign

- Reframing Recovery Kits

Ford County ROSC Subcommittee

- Next Meeting - Friday May 23rd
9 am via Zoom

ECICAA Ford County Health & Wellness Fair

- Wednesday - May 14th 11am-2pm
- Veterans' Square 235 S. Market Street, Paxton

ECICAA 60TH Anniversary Event

- Friday - April 25th - 5pm
- 1614 N Bowman, Danville
- Contact Beth Badger @ 217-554-9122 for tickets

All Awareness Day

- Sunday - July 20th 12-3pm
- North Park, Gibson City
- Registration Now Open
- AllAwarenessDay@gmail.com

Agency Updates:

Tim Nuss extended an invitation to anybody and everybody to the **Ford County Board Meetings**. They meet on the **2nd Monday of every month at 7pm** in the basement of the Sheriff's office. You'll always have a platform!!

Lynn Matthews shared CRCC is having an art contest, 14 and up, Every Story there is Strength (flyer included).

Birth to Five – **Melissa Watson**, mwatson@birthtofiveil.com – shared a Public Transportation Survey (flyer included)

Jennifer noted they are working on rural transportation, more to come.

We look forward to seeing you at our next ROSC Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 27th at 8:30 am.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, ideas for collaborations, etc. Thank You!!

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