

Ford County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27th, 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)
4. Kami Garrison (Chestnut Health Systems - TA ROSC)
5. Lynn Mathews (CRCC – Executive Director)
6. Melissa Watson (Family and Community Engagement Specialist Birth to Five Illinois – Region 9)
7. Odette Hyatt-Watson (East Central Community Action - ECICAA – Chief Executive Officer)
9. Carrie McKinzie (Gateway Foundation– Professional Relations Manager)
10. Sandra Beecher (Gateway Foundation – Sr. Professional Relations Manager)
11. Heather Angus (Peer Recovery - GROW)
12. Bahiyyah Khalilallah (Chestnut Health Systems – Community Outreach Coordinator)
13. Dave King (Carle Addiction Recovery Center – Community Outreach)
14. Melissa (LifeCil – Community Living Advocate)
15. Debra Beckman (Chestnut - Statewide ROSC)
16. Glenn Miller (Ford County Health Department - Administrator)
17. Christine P (Carle – Outreach)
18. M. White
19. Abby Behrens (Prevent Child Abuse Illinois – Central Region Prevention Specialist)
20. Betty Kay Bennington (Ford County Health Department)

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Main Topic: Ford County ROSC Strategic Plan Goal #2
- Updates/Upcoming Events
- Available Trainings
- Agency Updates/Questions

The Ford County ROSC Council convened with a diverse group of participants from various health and community organizations. After introductions, the meeting focused on strategic planning, particularly on increasing harm reduction support and medication-assisted recovery in the community. Breakout discussions were set up and allowed participants to explore barriers and potential partnerships related to these goals.

Main Topic:

Strategic Plan Goal #2:

Over the next three years, increase harm reduction support within the community through at least two new initiatives and increase Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) supports

Break out Room Questions:

1. **“Where do we currently see the most barriers to accessing Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) in Ford County, and what can we do as a ROSC to address these?”**
 - Stigma and accessibility (providers/financial)
 - Transportation services
 - Education – Do people even know what MAR is? Know what ROSC is?
2. **“What are some creative or realistic ways we can expand harm reduction support in our community?”**
 - Reach out and collaborate with Foundations
 - Reach out to ER and local physicians
 - Table different events
 - Give info to EMS/Police to leave information with families when needed
 - Outreach door to door, Narcan® first aid kits
 - Libraries (carry Narcan)
 - Planned Parenthood or Public Clinics
3. **“What organizations, sectors, or individuals should we be partnering with to support Goal #2 – and how can we begin building those relationships?”**
 - Foundations
 - EMS/Police
 - ER – Can we find out what events cause most problems at ER?
 - Halloween Trick or Treat – Downtown Gibson City
 - Collaborate with Shepards Closet

ROSC Updates:

Frankie Ward shared information about the newly formed Ford ROSC Subcommittee:

- New Name: **RESET Team** – Reducing Stigma through Education & Truth
- Focus on Stigma Reduction
 - Reframing Recovery Campaign
 - Training and Education
- Next **RESET Team** meeting, **Friday, June 27th, 9 am – 10 am**, if interested to join please contact Frankie 😊



Agency Updates:

Melissa of Birth to Five explained they have two councils, and they are recruiting members. Frankie is a member of the Family Council, and they also have an Action Council. Please reach out to Melissa if interested.

Abby Behrens has a new role with Prevent Child Abuse IL, covers 50 counties and is here to partner and provide prevention education, including free training and/or print material.

Carrie McKenzie shared Gateway is having a BBQ at their Bloomington location, Thursday, May 29th, 12 pm – 2 pm



Contact and Social Media




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CONNECTION IS KEY!!!

We look forward to seeing you at the next ROSC council meeting, **Tuesday, June 24th at 8:30 am**

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

