



McLean County Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) May 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, May 20th, 2025

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom, (<https://zoom.us/j/96709486019>)

Attendees:

1. Barb Brumleve- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean & Ford ROSC
2. Cat Hays- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean ROSC
3. Kari Knapp – Chestnut Health Systems/Associate Director Community Health
4. Amanda Spencer – A New Horizon
5. Melissa Simmons – Department of Rehabilitation Services/Rehabilitation Counselor
6. Jeffrey Ehrmantraut – CASA of McLean/Logan Counties
7. Selena Nolan – Chestnut Health Systems/Project Coordinator for Integrated Behavioral Health
8. Nancy Bollegar – Allies Against Trafficking/Executive Director
9. Wendy Klinkner – Allies Against Trafficking
10. Caitlyn Clyne – Bloomington Public Library-Outreach Engagement Coordinator/Bookmobile
11. Zach Schimelpfenig – PATH
12. Kami Garrison – Statewide ROSC Region 3 TA
13. Shayla Woodworth – Recovery Support Specialist
14. Darren Jones – Project Oz/Homeless Youth Specialist
15. Tara Trefzger-Blessent – Chestnut Health Systems
16. Amy Stork – McLean County Court Services
17. Melissa Simmons – Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
18. Leah Naraine – OMNI Prevention Specialist IL Human Performance Project Grant
19. Amy Landolt – Licensed Acupuncturist/IL 5 Needle Protocol Advocate
20. Carrie Anderson – Mid Central Community Action/Outreach Coordinator Domestic Violence
21. Joshua Edwards – Mayor's Manor
22. Deb Beckmann – IL Statewide ROSC
23. Daniel Franklin – Person with Lived Experience (PLE)
24. Emily Hartley – Brightpoint Community Services Coordinator/McLean Co Human Services Council
25. Erika Hahn – OMNI Youth Services
26. Randi Derrig – Chestnut Health Systems/Narcan®



Agenda Items:

I. Welcome & Attendance

- a. Cat Hays welcomed everyone and asked that attendees drop their name and agency affiliation in the chat for recording attendance

II. May Meeting Recap Summary

- a. The council focused on enhancing harm reduction support and services in McLean County, with plans to launch at least two new initiatives over the next three years. Cat Hays emphasized the importance of community partnerships, Narcan training, and public education to reduce stigma. Randi Derrig provided an update on Narcan distribution and overdose education, highlighting the introduction of Narcan vending machines funded by opioid settlement dollars, and shared concerning overdose death statistics, indicating a need for targeted outreach. She reported nearly 2,200 Narcan® boxes distributed in 2023, with a goal of over 3,300 in 2024, and outlined various free harm reduction resources available to the community. Randi also discussed strategies for promoting Narcan trainings, noting low attendance at public sessions and the necessity of reaching rural areas. The meeting concluded with a transition into breakout sessions to brainstorm further strategies for promoting Narcan trainings and addressing community harm reduction needs.

III. Overview of Goal 2 of FY25 McLean County ROSC Strategic Plan

- a. Goal 2: Over the next three years, increase harm reduction support within the community through at least two new initiatives (Ongoing, FY26+)
 - i. Objective A: Advocate for and support community partners in expanding harm reduction efforts throughout the county by promoting NARCAN® trainings and supporting increased access to harm reduction resources.
 - ii. Objective B: Enhance public and professional education on harm reduction to promote broader acceptance and implementation, while actively addressing stigma and encouraging greater community support.

IV. Overview of Harm Reduction Support Services & Resources in McLean County

- a. Randi Derrig, a Prevention Coordinator with Chestnut Health Systems provided insights into current harm reduction efforts, including Narcan® distribution and the introduction of vending machines for easier access. Randi shared data from Dr. Kathy Yoder regarding overdose deaths in McLean County, noting an increase in total deaths over the past two years. The demographic most at risk is individuals in their mid-40s, predominantly male.
- b. There are several FREE resources available for distribution such as:
 - i. Narcan®
 - ii. Test strips for Fentanyl and Xylazine
 - iii. Detera drug deactivation bags



- c. Strategies for promoting Narcan® Trainings and Resource Distribution
 - i. Randi highlighted the challenges in promoting Narcan® trainings and the need for community support in identifying organizations and events that could benefit from these resources.
 - ii. Assistance is needed in finding better times and locations for public trainings, especially in RURAL areas.
 - iii. Randi encouraged help with distributing Narcan® in areas where she might not be present. **Please reach out to Randi with any questions or ideas with distributing and training (Randi Derrig, rwderrig@chestnut.org).**

V. Putting the Plan into Action: Promote Harm Reduction Services & Resources

Cat shared that break-out sessions will begin and that each break-out room will have a facilitator to start answering the following questions:

- a. *"What are strategies that could be utilized to promote Narcan® trainings and distribution of Narcan®, especially within the rural communities of McLean County?"*
 - i. *BPL has the Bookmobile that delivers to rural communities*
 - ii. *Contact Village Boards in Ellsworth, Arrowsmith, Shirley, etc.*
 - iii. *All libraries*
 - iv. *First responders*
 - v. *Email blast – local government, clerks, superintendents, teachers, etc*
 - vi. *Churches – 2 ministries' have drive-thrus to give out Narcan® and information sheets*
 - vii. *Township supervisors in McLean County and Rural Mayors*
 - viii. *Gas stations – "Toilet Talks"*
 - ix. *Fair Housing Event*
 - x. *Local schools*
 - xi. *Truckstop's/Rest Areas*
 - xii. *Lion's Club*
- b. *"What upcoming community outreach events could our council have a resource table at to promote harm reduction and Narcan within the community? What events are happening in the rural communities we could have a table at?"*
 - i. *Fall Festivals*
 - ii. *Morton Pumpkin Festival – draws area crowds*
 - iii. *Town gatherings*
 - iv. *September 15th is Save a Life Day*
 - v. *October – Brightpoint*
 - vi. *Pride*
 - vii. *Juneteenth*
 - viii. *Fair Housing Event – hosted by Mid-Illinois Realtors, Cory Tello sent this information and there will be 17 Housing organizations and Associations.*



This year was at Western Ave. Contact information for Mid-Illinois Realtors Association is: 407 Detroit Drive, Bloomington, 309-664-5092.

- c. "What are other harm reduction needs within McLean County?"
 - i. Jolt supplies the following to Kim Massey:
 - 1. 3 different size needles
 - 2. Cotton balls
 - 3. Salines
 - 4. Alcohol pads
 - 5. Cookers
 - 6. Narcan®
 - 7. Test Strips
 - 8. They have a Save the Life Day – showing what and how to use Narcan®

VI. Updated McLean County ROSC FY25 Community Resource & Asset Map

- a. Available on Jotform app and GSU website
- b. Introducing rural community resource & asset map
 - i. <https://tinyurl.com/RuralMcLeanResources>

VII. Agency & Community Updates

- a. Tara Trefzger-Blessent shared the 2nd Saturday in July – Fellowship, Get out the Clean Slate
- b. Nancy Bollegar shared that the 501c3 for Human Trafficking is getting closer – Allies Against Trafficking. More to come!!
- c. Caitlin Clyne from Bloomington Public Library shared that the Summer Reading Program begins May 27th and the prizes this year are AMAZING, plus so many programs this summer! Check it out 😊
- d. Zach has been talking to his director about outreach – what is needed? Kim is fully stocked with tents. Zach can share flyers and gently used clothes.

VIII. McLean ROSC Updates & Successes

- a. New Volunteer Opportunities
 - i. Wayman AME Church Block Party
 - 1. Saturday, June 7th, 12-1 pm
 - 2. Wayman AME Church
 - ii. Juneteenth @ Bloomington Public Library
 - 1. Thursday, June 19th, 10 am – 1 pm
 - 2. Bloomington Public Library
 - iii. Transgender Resource Fair
 - 1. Friday, June 27th, 4-7 pm
 - 2. Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal
- b. Planning Committee Update – Starting back up in June 2025
 - i. If interested in joining, please contact Cat via email:
cmhays@chestnut.org

IX. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

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- b. 3:30-4:30 pm virtually via Zoom
 - i. Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96709486019>
- X. Contact Info**
 - a. Kari Knapp, Associate Director of Community Health – kmknapp@chestnut.org
 - b. Cat Hays, Community Health Specialist for Recovery Supports – cmhays@chestnut.org
 - c. Barb Brumleve, Community Health Specialist – bdbrumleve@chestnut.org
 - d. McLean County ROSC Team – McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com