

ROSC Meeting June 23, 2025

Attendees: Brittney Card, Michelle Dettwiler (MCPHD Tech), Alexandria LaFaye - Centerstone, Naomi Wallis - Pavilion, Bonnita Goodwin – Shelby/Moultrie County ROSC, Jill Wright – Montgomery County Health Department, Johanna Gonzalez – IDHS/SUPR, Samantha Brown – 5th St. Renaissance, Shelly Miller - Chestnut, Tricia Hogan – NAMI, Kalla – TASC, Jon Magnuson – Next Network, Kevin Schott - 708, Lindsay Minor - MCPHD, Steve Bryant – Park District, Chas Swearingin - LPBHC, Elyse Schoen - MCPHD, Michael Morris – 5th St. Renaissance, Heather Myers - Salvation Army, Carrie Mackinzie – Gateway Foundation, Keppen Clanton – Birth to 5 region 40, Greg Santoni – TASC, Chris Stanford – TASC, Kayla Frayer – TASC, Carissa Clark – SLU, Debra Beckman – ROSC.

Showed logo board – this is all of us who are advocates for mental health – please send logos to join. Showed “follow us” slide for Facebook

Approval of May Minutes: Approved

Greg Santoni - TASC – Lost \$1 million in grant money and had to lose some people – we have downsized people, but our region has increased – now we are over eight counties, with two counties being the largest counties in IL (St. Clair and Madison). Part of the goals is to help as many people as we can, reduce stigma, and add knowledge to people of 8 counties. We will also coordinate with all ROSCs – we coordinate with 3. We have to figure out how to collaborate. I also go to a meeting in Alton called the Coordinated Response Team.

Jon Magnuson -Next Network – (Provided handout at the meeting with 2024-25 stats). We have seen a massive amount of interaction around harm reduction and transportation. The largest increase has been in harm reduction – Macoupin County has a large IV drug population (not sure in Montgomery), has grants to buy another vehicle, which must be staffed by people at all times; we want them dedicated to probation. We have staff 3 days a week at Montgomery County Probation. I hope to deepen relationships in the next fiscal year with existing partnerships. The money we are all drawing from is shrinking, but we will all need to gather around the table to think divergently. We also started an incentive program for every 3 containers of used needles you get \$10.

Kevin Schott – citizen - Risk reduction task force – Since Covid we have been trying to get firefighters and paramedics to get involved in community health situations. They have reduced phone calls and reduced costs for the city. We have the 4th Statewide conference in Joliet on the 16th. We have Facebook and web pages which will give more information. There is a lot of overlap by what our ROSC is doing and the Risk Reduction Task Force.

Lindsay Minor - MCPHD – SFW – Ariana is a doula – we are serving pregnant women in recovery. We finished our year with school goals – there are 4 schools in Handle with Care program, we have implemented Teens for Teens (youth committee), we are hoping to add another school next year.

We started at SFW in 2020. There was a lot of stigma then, but it is cool to see how far we have come. In our first meeting, there were only about five people. It is cool to see how far we have gone now, not only at ROSC but also at the clinic. We don't have to hide anymore—we talk about it proudly now. People don't know that we are transportation, dental – they don't realize we don't just serve people in poverty. We are a health center, which means we serve anyone. We are going to have one logo that represents everything we do. ROSC funding was approved for the next year. We will not be hiring a second ROSC coordinator (BC will be in charge). The Healthy Family Program no longer exists. They lost their funding after 29 years because the number of grants was slashed, which made it much more competitive.

Asked if current grantees will absorb Macoupin and Montgomery counties. They will investigate it.

WIC is not being cut – they are just increasing the barriers. There are cuts for Food Stamps and Medicaid – there will be an imposing 80 hours a month. CC will make a one-pager.

MCPHD – ROSC – We couldn't do what we are doing with the ROSC without each and every one of you. We had an anti-stigma campaign, See Me Now, and the community needs assessment, which was very successful, we did a SWOT analysis and a strategic plan for our community. We have been putting a lot of energy into building community partnerships in 2025. We have amazing relationships with people in the community – all the way out in Virden, Nokomis. This lays the groundwork for continuing our work. In 2024-2025, we will be advocating for more substance use mental health funding. We have laid the foundation for good relationships with housing partners, vocational. That is the big win for FY 2025. MD also said goodbye – she is stepping away from the ROSC – and appreciates each and every one of you. Just because going away from ROSC doesn't mean I'm not going to be part of this community. Thank you, everyone, for your support throughout this year.

(BC) Just in the past year, I have watched MD blossom into a firecracker of a person. She will say she is not a fan of public speaking – she started off in micro stuff – her recovery story gave me goosebumps. Even though her work with us is ending, she will continue to do amazing things. She will continue to be a part of our recovery efforts bc it is so new and dear to her. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Park (Bryant) – First came to CADC in 1988 to Bren Braxton Center, got involved with IL Certification board, volunteered there several years, got on their board, first 2-term president, transferred to management, stayed up with it even after retiring from corrections in 2007 – I still remain involved. I've seen this ROSC grow and blossom.

Lincoln Prairie – Inpatient psychiatric facility for kids (intensive outpatient as well) - Currently complete redesign of facility – updating the furniture, anything the kids touch to bring in more color, more texture, more lively stuff (not so much gray), will have serenity rooms for both kids and staff (help with burnout). We now offer animal therapy (we have little horses come in 1x per week), art therapy, recreational therapy, and music therapy. We continue to do CEU events. Next is on July 14 – using the END network – get families to find services around that. We are using that with some of our discharge planning. Very complicated – especially in inpatient. We set up things in their local communities, but we can't make them go to them. We are really working with different partners in the communities, and I'm really happy about that. We are also doing summer tours – crisis folks to come to our facility – next is the 7th of July.

CORS program – how we can help in rural communities – great organizations – Next Network/SFW – we are focusing on trying to support each organization in each rural area. We are going from 44 to 47 counties – we will be picking up Macon, they weren't getting harm reduction services. We will be focusing on 24 counties between Sangamon & East St. Louis – Clay, Effingham, Metro East, Randolph, and then back up to Adams. BC and I have met and are working on laundry days in the community, which allows us to be present in places where we see people go. I am really excited about the events

Greg? (I'm not sure who this was.) WOW Grant: Going to communities and neighborhoods for HIV training—taking a mobile unit in. Provide services—trying to educate people because the overdose rate has climbed a lot in the past few years.

Should we form a legislative subcommittee to track what is going on?

Salvation Army: Please continue to my number with Veterans experiencing homelessness, eviction, or re-integration back into the community! Phone: 309-232-7097 Email: Heather.meyers@usc.salvationarmy.org Pre-Screen number: 217-278-9897

Call to Action: Laundry Day is where we partner with local laundromats. We set up tables with resources, laundry detergent, and quarters – bringing everyone together to know where to get services for mental health and substance use. We are also partnering with people in the community willing to sponsor these laundry days (supply laundry detergent). helped get ahold of Rainbow Laundry in Staunton. Laundries tend to be a hub for active use so these are a great place for outreach.

We have a recovery event at Blackburn College in Carlinville. We are still waiting on permission (Juliet H from Safe Families). We will be in touch to see if we can speed this up. We just had our first meeting with good attendance. Next meeting July 10, 1 PM, Locust Resource Center.

Since I will be the only ROSC coordinator, I will be relying heavily on the ROSC Consortium for help. I will be making a sheet to send to all of you – what you have access to, what you have funds for, how you want to be involved – however you can and want to be involved, want to create that.

Sam/5th Street Renaissance will be the speaker at the next meeting.