

Meeting Minutes



Take Action Coalition of Clinton County

July 15, 2025 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: 501 9th Street, Carlyle, IL & via Zoom

1. Members present in-person: Dan Hutchison, Sheridan Jordan, Nellie Pascavich, Stephanie Brooks, Julie Herr

Members present on Zoom: Beverly Holland, Jessica Palazzolo, Toni Randall, Andrea Davis, Craig Loddeke, Deb Loddeke, Jeshua Pearson, Cara Loddeke, Nay Muhammad, Angela Holloway, Mandy Ocepek, Alex Schnieder, Kara Wardein

Presentation:

Clinton County ROSC TAC – FY26–FY28 Priorities (from NOFO Project Description)

Priority 1: Increase Awareness of How to Access Services

- Host/co-host 12 educational events by June 2026, and 36 by June 2028.
- Events will include speaking engagements, social media, print/radio PSAs.
- Focus: how to access MAR, mental health, and substance use services.
- Collaborate with CRC, Health Dept MAR provider, and other local service providers.
- Barrier: Lack of buy-in from stakeholders.
- Solution: Strengthen relationships with community partners and gatekeepers.

Priority 2: Stigma Reduction

- Host/co-host 12 stigma-focused events (1 per quarter through FY28).
- Include: stigma education, MH/SU 101 trainings, and recovery stories from PLEs.
- Focus on marginalized groups and addressing the NIMBY mindset.
- Partner with groups like Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- Barrier: Stigma related to race, gender, language, etc.
- Solution: Use education to humanize recovery and promote inclusion.

Priority 3: Support RCO Development

- Form RCO subcommittee by July 30, 2025.
- Monthly meetings to plan, find funding, and connect with other RCOs.
- Goal: Support an operational RCO by June 30, 2028.
- Barrier: Community misunderstanding and funding challenges.
- Solution: Public education on RCO purpose and explore diverse funding options.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- A. **Education & Prevention:** Sheridan asked members of TAC that were present at the meeting if they would want to join the subcommittee to get started on planning Red Ribbon Week. Ideally, we would have a group of 3-5 of us to plan the logistics of RRW. We have been allotted an amount of money from the 708 Board of Mental Health, to coordinate RRW in the schools of Clinton County.

- B. **Treatment & Recovery:** Stephanie mentioned that the Recovery Shop is hosting a recovery walk on the Carlyle dam every first Friday of the month at 6pm, starting August 1st.

Cara and Sheridan will attend the Breese Park meeting on July 30th at 7pm to secure the park as the location for Overdose Awareness Day. Cara is looking for speakers and has already secured food and music for this event. After the location is finalized, we will send flyers in for printing and begin advertising heavily.

- C. **Family Support:** Craig mentioned that he has not received any calls this month to the warm line. Facebook Page - "Family, Friends and Addicts Stronger Together".

Family Support Network warmline #618-567-6095

Nellie gave us a big update on what is going on at the Recovery Shop. Her current groups she is facilitating are grief groups for youth and adults through Coping 4 Life. SMART Recovery takes place every Tuesday at 2pm at the Recovery Shop. She also told us how the Recovery Shop is a for-profit organization that serves as place for meetings, events and in the future can hire people in recovery to help and run the center, ultimately helping those who are healing to give back.

- D. **Spirituality:** Craig discussed his idea of meal/food truck vouchers for Celebrate Life for churches to hand out so that people who typically can't afford to eat out can come to CL and get a meal and resources. Craig also mentioned that Brandon Newcomer will be our speaker for CL, who will share his personal recovery story, as well as the band Kingdom Brothers and live broadcasting from WDLJ radio station.

- E. **Finance:** The total amount in our account currently is \$8,411.51.

\$5,971.51 is for the Celebrate Life Event (this amount includes money we received from Sponsors & Local Businesses in 2023 and \$3,000 recently received from the 708 Board) and \$2,440 is for Red Ribbon Week (\$440 which was left over from last year and \$2,000 received this year from the 708 Board).

Marketing: Flyers for TAC are approved for CL and OAD, we are getting estimates for printing.

2. Additional Information & Announcements

No comments from the floor.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, August, 19, 2025, at 11:00 AM

Location: 501 9th Street, Carlyle, IL & via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96744943725>

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County Recovery Shop**



CARLYLE

DAM WALK

*Friday Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct
3, Nov. 7 2025 6PM*

Open to the public - Join us in a family dam walk to raise awareness and overcome the stigma of mental health, substance use, death by suicide, abuse, neglect, grief, and overall RURAL RECOVERY in Clinton County Illinois

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