

FRANKLIN/WILLIAMSON ROSC COUNCIL FY26 KICK-OFF MEETING MINUTES

7/16/25 @ 9:00AM - 10AM (Virtual)

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen- ROSC Coordinator, CPRS, TAT mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

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Jessica Schultz – Youth Engagement Specialist, TAT jessicas@takeactiontoday.net

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Chrystal Cantrell – Executive Director, TAT chrystalc@takeactiontoday.net

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Liesl Wingert – SIU School of Medicine, TAT Board wingert68@siumed.edu

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<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>- Mandy went over our mission and vision statements, everyone then introduced themselves.

FWRC Vision:

To build and sustain a vibrant recovery community empowered by intentional and unified stakeholders, allies and those in or seeking recovery.

FWRC Mission:

We will develop partnerships that are rich and diverse in the communities we serve, to provide a flexible system of services that is responsive to multiple pathways of recovery. Through education, we can reduce the stigma surrounding substance use and other co-occurring disorders.

Approval of 6/18/25 Meeting Minutes

1st Motion to approve- Danielle Kroeger 2nd motion to approve- Amber Mulkins

Discussion

Mandy went over the FY25 Highlights of Impact Report

- Increasing awareness of addiction and recovery.
- Reducing stigma toward harm reduction.
- Increasing equity for rural populations.

We've done an outstanding job this year, sustaining our ROSC Council and achieving the goals we set for ourselves. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every

one of you for your continued dedication to FWRC and for working together to strengthen and improve the health of our communities. I look forward to seeing what we achieve together this next year!

Chrystal Cantrell went over FY26 Updates and discussed the loss of funding for Perry/Jackson County ROSC.

Mike Tyson shared the impact of the loss of funding in Washington, Randolph, Alexander, Palaski, Union, Johnson, Perry, and Jackson counties and how it affects all Southern Illinois, so support is needed everywhere right now.

New Business

Youth Prevention updates, Danielle Kroeger shared:

Introducing new staff, Valerie Stewart, she will be the new contact person for Southern Illinois Youth Empowerment Network. valeries@takeactiontoday.net

1st Annual Back to School Giveaway-August 2nd @ Church of God Campgrounds, West Frankfort from 5-8:00PM (flyer attached)

- Accepting donations for school supplies and gently used clothing until August 1st at the WF Take Action Today center.
- For more information, please contact Danielle Kroeger, daniellek@takeactiontoday.net

<u>CALL TO ACTION</u>- They are serving Franklin, Williamson, Jefferson, Gallatin, Massac counties school districts and are trying to connect to schools or programs to bring Prevention Assemblies into the schools or classes.

- They have ideas for Red Ribbon Week, quit vaping assemblies, substance use, sexual abuse, and a range of topics available to educate children, teachers, parents, and caregivers.
- Please reach out to them if you know any schools or teachers that would be interested, or you feel could benefit.

Kelli Corner is interested in helping with vaping assemblies.

Harm Reduction updates, Torie Patton shared:

- 8 new MOU's signed this month
- 740 units of Narcan distribution
- 39 overdose kits distributed
- 24 test strips distributed

"Hope in the Heat" Outreach Event- August 16th @ Benton City Park from 2-4PM (flyer attached)

- This event will be geared to offering unhoused individuals in Franklin County local resource information, free bags with goodies, free haircuts, and assistance filling out housing applications on site.
- Still in need of female hygiene products!!!
- If you would like to set up resources or donate items, please contact Torie Patton toriep@takeactiontoday.net or Mandy Hagen mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

"Light of Hope" Overdose Awareness Event- August 28th 7:30-8:30PM

- This event is for our community members to come together to honor those lost to overdose through a symbolic water lantern/candle release.
- We are still working on securing a spot, waiting for final stages of approval for Arrowhead Lake Campground.
- Flyer will be finalized this week.

Mandy shared:

Pop- Up Farmers Market hosted by Aetna Better Health- August 15th @Take Action Today Benter Center from 9-11:00am.

- We are looking for resource vendors to set up and also volunteers to assist with produce distribution.
- If you would like to set up or assist, please contact Caleb Nehring, Caleb.Nehring@aetna.com
- Justin Miller added the Benton Resource Center will be doing a community giveaway also at this time for random items received during our amazon pallet donations.

Christina Manchen shared:

Centerstone is now offering same day services (all services) at their Carbondale location. If anyone has any participants, clients, or patients needing services they can just walk in.

Kelli Corner shared:

August 13th 11:00am-12:00pm Improving Rural Community Health Training- Flyer will be sent out at a later date.

Also, they are preparing for a statewide meeting, and she shared that in the past 2.5 years they have had 9 parks go no-smoking or vaping and 14 schools place new polices for students getting caught with vapes that will offer them help and not just punishment.

1. **Upcoming Events:**

- July 26th- 10:00am-12:00pm- Welcome Back to School Annual Backpack Giveaway- Whiteash Free Will Baptist Church, Marion
- July 26th- 4-6:00pm- Back to School Bash- John W. Jones Park, Marion
- July 26th- 11:00am- 1:00pm- Zeigler-Royalton K-8th Back to School Supply Giveaway- City of Zeigler Fire Department
- August 2nd- 5-8:00PM-1st Annual Back to School Giveaway -Church of God Campgrounds, West Frankfort
- August 9th- 10:00am- 2:00pm- Back to School Bash- RSP Heating and Cooling 6951 Grand Rd., Carterville
- August 15th- 9-11:00am- Pop- Up Farmers Market-Take Action Today Benter Center
- August 16th 10:00am-2:00pm- Centerstone Resource Fair- Ray Fosse Park, Marion
- August 16th- 2-4:00pm "Hope in the Heat" Outreach event- Benton City Park

Next Meeting: 8/20/25
Zoom ONLY

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