



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 10th, 2025, 9-10 am

Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)

OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center 2500 W. Reynolds St. Pontiac

Attendees In-Person:

- Kari Knapp- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- John Schneider- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- Melissa Johnson- LIFE Center for Independent Living
- Teresa Deimer- Institute for Human Resources (IHR)
- Chrystal Little- Livingston County Health Department
- Caitlyn Chagoya- Institute for Human Resources (IHR) Counseling Services
- Claire Spires- OSF Healthcare
- Mariah (Synergy Home Care)
- Madalyn Lane- Livingston County Probation
- Tim Jenkins- Futures Unlimited
- Sheriff Ryan Bohm- Livingston County Sheriff
- Abby Behrens- Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
- Shannon Lawler- Heartland Head Start
- Deb Howard- United Way of Livingston County

Attendees Online:

- Makayla Carlson- Chestnut
- Alisa Ndorongo-Fall- DRS
- Lauren Michalski- Safe Journeys
- Mara Schwartz- Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP) at Safe Journeys
- Marco Chagoya- Safe Journeys
- Kaylyn Rellihan- Center for Youth and Family Solutions

Review of Possible NARCAN Distribution List

- Discussion regarding Prioritizing and Volunteering: transportation services (Amtrak, ride shares, taxi, Show Bus, etc.), pharmacies, in-home care, schools, gas stations, places that serve alcohol, restaurant/bars (Champaign Co. working hard on bars), unhoused temporary living locations

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- How do we prioritize these locations and any volunteers to join John?
 - **Shannon** – How do we know where the largest number of overdoses occur? Not a lot of data to support this question.
 - **Mady** – sometimes clients will share where they used when signing admission of use; several admissions for Pub 13
 - **Teresa** – County Market bathrooms used to be “hot spot” for use; kits have “never use alone” card, treatment agency listing, use form (did/didn’t it work), instructions
 - **Abby** – nowhere is wrong to start
 - **Sheriff** voted for bars/gambling locations & restaurants with several in agreement
 - **Sheriff** offered to go with John or someone from Health Dept.
 - **Melissa** – stickers in businesses where Narcan is available would be beneficial; question about tourism and if we could use downtown kiosk
- Never Use Alone cards are available online (Deb willing to buy cardstock and print for free)
 - Bathroom stall cards? Connect with Safe Journeys about tear-aways
 - **Chrystal** – She and Erin went around to communities to introduce/inform about Narcan and it went great! Many took at least partial boxes. Health Department encouraged locations to “add it to your first aid kit.” No community denied it was an issue. 10-11 presentations, but need to get into really small communities. The post office or “library” is a good place for small towns.
 - **Shannon** asked about presentation in the high schools, **Teresa** mentioned that Narcan is available there per a regulation from state.
 - **Mady** – Pawn shop in Pontiac (She volunteered to chat with owner.)
- Providers prescribing Narcan and some pharmacies distributing with opioid prescriptions
- **Shannon** shout-out to IHR for hosting Narcan training in May; she and husband now carry with them
- Tracking system – check in with places on a monthly basis to find out how often people are using it and help replenish stock (Excel sheet or Google doc)
- **Teresa** willing to offer time to help distribution because she can bill through opioid, 99 kits delivered in the community last quarter.
- Spanish instructions to put in kit? Language barrier even about prescription opioids and likely to misuse due to this. (Conversation about couple thought Narcan was allergy medicine.)
- Aiming for July to petition to prioritized locations.
- **Lauren** suggested via chat the office at the Fiesta Motel

Recovery Month Overview

- September 6th In Person Event and Social Media Testimonials

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- Sharing Persons with Lived Experience stories (at least 3 for Instagram and Facebook) in September
- Some agencies will get “Share Your Story” with QR code to vet potential testimonies
- Participants to answer 3 of 5 questions about recovery, victory, hope, steps, etc. written responses, not video
- Add photo (can be any image if keeping anonymous)
- Looking for volunteers for both (in-person and online) to share your recovery journey
- Vendor tables will be in gym this year
 - Last year 16 resource tables
 - You supply table and Rec Center will provide chairs
 - QR code sign up this year
- Aiming for 4 speakers in person and offered guided interview style based on questions from the participation survey

Recovery Month Event: Community Resource Table Sign Up

- If you or your agency are interested in setting up a resource table at the September 6th event, follow this link: [2025 Livingston County ROSC Recovery Table Sign Up](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Salvation Army Backpacks (7/31) 4:30-5:30pm or until supplies run out**
 - **Aiming for 200 bags** and will distribute hygiene items; last year ran out in 7 minutes; no immunizations this year
 - ***If you want to give flyers, you can give them to the Health Department by the 14th to go in bags. Have not been putting Narcan in the bags because it’s meant more for the kids (but Claire suggested a flyer).***
- **National Night out (8/5) in Dwight (Sheriff said El Paso does it as well)**

Community Updates

- **Tim:** flyer with dates, hours of service changing, Tues in Dwight, someone now for Streator, Chatsworth; struggle with a place to go and awareness of services but gaining traction, Futures transportation can provide rides to medical needs for community members with Medicaid

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- **Sheriff:** jail started Hustle 2.0 re-entry program with 3 college credit hours earned, pilot program was 10 participants; looking for extension to this program; pleasant surprise with results. Participant said it was engaging.
- **Abby:** 2 upcoming webinars Aug. 19th Drug Endangered Children Awareness & Sept. 9th Drug Endangered Children Approach (do not have to attend both), co-chair DEC meeting with Leisl, flyers for children & families for 35th anniversary if your agency would like them.
- **Chrystal:** 28,000+ meals delivered so far this summer with 1200+ kids registered, every Monday 11-2 or 4-6 drive-thru location with 2 lines (one with lines of people already registered), about 16 pounds with 7 breakfast and 7 lunches, first 30 minutes are always crazy and would appreciate help, 4 weeks left, email or call her. John said kids get very excited about what's in the food boxes. County is NOT paying for the food; through the USDA and a sponsor in St. Louis. Registration turned on again. (Deb said call from a grandma that the kids LOVE everything in the boxes and wasn't sure who to thank so she called United Way.)
- **Deb:** Almost all 2-1-1 calls going to her because no utility and rent assistance anywhere in Livingston County: 11 calls on Monday, 9 on Tuesday, unhoused man with children was helped with Humiston Trust Fund, bought a tent with her own money for someone with full-time job and 3-year-old because rent was too high. Last year 240 unhoused and this year already at half of that with no resources. PATH is trying to help.
- **Mady:** People swapping food from food drive things if they don't like what's there. Probation offering community service credit if clients will help at Health Department food drive; lots willing to register but not sure about helping. If clients come to help, they will have a log sheet. (Chrystal –volunteers can still get a box outside of the distribution time, but must be there to assist.)
- **Melissa:** Disability Pride Night at Cornbelter's game tomorrow. Facebook for tickets.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 7th, 2025

- Hybrid Meeting at Future Unlimited in Pontiac and via Zoom 9:00am-10:30am
 - There will be a Narcan training during next months meeting
- Flyers in back as well as new list of recovery meetings
- Grace Irvin, Prevention Coordinator at Chestnut Health Systems, is a new member to our team and you will be able to meet her next month
- Subcommittees 4th Wednesday of the month at Livingston County Health Department



Upcoming Trainings:

- Visit <https://www.coalitionsupport.org/trainings> for upcoming trainings.

Virtual Resource Guide/Social Media

- Virtual Resource Guide: <https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonCountyRecovers>

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Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am