



MERC Meeting Summary

9:00 a.m. via Zoom

July 17th, 2025

Attendees:

Alex Schneider-HSHS
Angella Holloway- Chestnut, MERC ROSC
Antoinette Spivey-SOR Program/Gateway Foundation
Charlie Prackit – SOR Program/Gateway Foundation
Cora Hughs- Community/ Pastor
Dan Hutchison-Chestnut/ROSC and OEND-DOPP
Debbie Humphreys-Madison County 708 Board
Dustin Percy-Oxford House
Elyse Schoen-Macoupin County ROSC
Greg Norkus-St. Clair County Probation
Jennifer Schultz - Centerstone
Jen Nagel-Fischer – Porchlight Collective SAP
Kristen Anderson-Chestnut-CCBHC
Mark Knott-CHS/MERC-ROSC
Maegan McGlassen- Illinois Recovery Center
Michele Wasser- SOR Program/Gateway Foundation
Morgan Hempen – CHS/Youth SA Prevention
Robyn Robison - CBHC
Patrick Small -HSHS
Paul Fischer -Porchlight Collective SAP
Stephnie Everhart- CHS Vocational Coordinator
Sue McClure Guest-SWIC
Tisha Lancaster-IDHS
Tracy Dones-CHS/CCE Faith & Recovery

Business

- We will be going over some changes that we will be initiating this year:
- The changes are that we have received a grant to have separate ROCS's for the Madison/St. Clair county's starting immediately. This will allow for the ROSC's to better serve the underserved areas within our communities of the 2 counties and tackle the different needs of the counties. We will be adding a full-time person for St. Clair County and a part-time person for Madison. This will be a time of transition for all of us so please bear with us and we so greatly appreciate your support and the missions we will be taking on this upcoming year.
- Guest speaker Sue McClure (Sam Wolfe Camus Executive Director) went over some of the programs that SWIC (Southwestern Illinois College) has to offer at its campuses in Belleville, East St. Louis and Granite City. There are programs offering FREE courses for GED, ESL (English as a second language) at all campuses. There are 30 programs right now in the Health Sciences programs (CNA, Med Assistant, Phlebotomy, LPN/RN these are just a few offered. Then there are the Technical Education courses such as Aviation Technology, Commercial Maintenance, Culinary Art and HVAC, to name just a couple then moving into the student services offered are academic advising, financial aid and the student activities groups and clubs. Please contact SWIC for more information regarding the services offered at your closest campus or contact Sue McClure at Sue.McClure@swic.edu

Announcements and upcoming events

** Riverbend Ministries will be hosting a golfing event July 25th, 2025*

Visit our website my-rfm.org/events to secure your spot.

Contact Rachael Craddick rachaelc@my-rfm.org

for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

All corporate sponsorships of \$1,000+ include 1 team.

I hope to see you there 😊

** July 19th - Centerstone's Community Resource Fair at YWCA of Southwestern IL
(in Alton)*

*The Madison County Fair will be taking place 7/22-7/27

At the Edwardsville Library there are monthly Stigma conversations along with Narcan demonstrations which will continue to be held on the 24th at 6pm, check the library Facebook page schedule. A link to the Facebook page can be found on their website: [Home | Edwardsville Public Library](#)

MERC Upcoming Zoom Meeting

Aug 21st 2025, at 9am

Metro East Recovery Council (MERC) Vision:

A community system that nurtures and supports individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery for themselves or a loved one.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Mission:

Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery.