



McLean County Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) July 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 15th, 2025

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom, (<https://zoom.us/j/96709486019>)

Attendees:

1. Barb Brumleve- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean & Ford ROSC
2. Cat Hays- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean ROSC
3. Kari Knapp – Chestnut Health Systems/Associate Director Community Health
4. Jeffrey Ehrmantraut – CASA of McLean/Logan Counties
5. Colleen O'Connor – NAMI/Project Oz
6. Daniel Franklin – Community member
7. Amy Stork – McLean County Health Services
8. Caitlyn Cline – Bloomington Public Library
9. Natasha Noonan-Ponder – Center for Human Services
10. Alisa Ndorongo-Fall – DRS Offices (McLean/LaSalle)
11. Alicia Moushon– FUSE McLean County/Dept of Behavioral Health under McLean County Government
12. Shelley Smith – Oxford House Outreach/Reentry Coordinator
13. Cory Tello – McLean County Board of Health/Mid Central Community Action Board Member
14. Emily Hartley – Brightpoint/Community Services Coordinator
15. Amber Clark – VA/Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator
16. Sonja Workman – Center for Human Services
17. Andrea Kindseth – Community Reintegration Advocate – Life Cil
18. Amy Hopper – Mclean County Health Department
19. Zach Schimelpfenig – PATH
20. Shayla Woodworth – Recovery Support Specialist
21. Darren Jones – Project Oz/Homeless Youth Specialist
22. Jesse Williams – Project Oz/Homeless Youth Specialist
23. Tory Dahmm – MedMark Treatment Center
24. Tara Trefzger-Blessent – Chestnut Health Systems
25. Melissa Simmons – Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
26. Carrie Anderson – Mid Central Community Action/Outreach Coordinator Domestic Violence

Agenda Items:

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I. Welcome & Attendance

- a. Barb Brumleve welcomed everyone and asked that any new attendees introduce themselves and all to drop their name and agency affiliation in the chat for recording attendance.

II. Agency Spotlight: Colleen O'Connor, Project Oz Caregiver Survey & Nami Mid Central Illinois

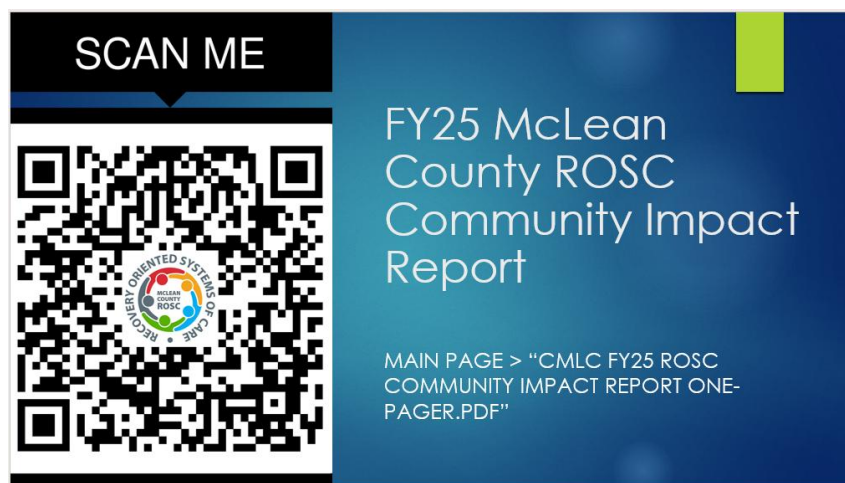
- a. Colleen O'Connor presented information about a caregiver survey from Project Oz and highlighted NAMI Mid-Central Illinois's efforts in youth mental health education. The survey seeks input from parents and caregivers to determine the most helpful topics and formats for educational presentations. O'Connor emphasized the importance of engaging families in mental health discussions to foster supportive environments for youth.
 - i. Caregiver survey and feedback collection
 - ii. Collaboration opportunities with local organizations and stakeholders.
- b. NAMI Support Groups and Resources
 - i. Colleen O'Connor discussed the activities of the local NAMI chapter, including monthly support groups for individuals facing mental health challenges and their loved ones. These groups, held at West Olive Faith United Methodist Church, are peer-led and free of charge. Additionally, Colleen mentioned upcoming classes aimed at educating family members on how to support their loved ones.
 - 1. Support groups and resources for individuals with health challenges.

III. McLean County ROSC FY25 Community Impacts

- a. 14 Community Outreach Events
- b. 873+ Event Attendee Interactions
- c. 600+ ROSC Resource App Cards Distributed
- d. 340+ Individual Boxes of Narcan® Distributed
- e. 13 Libraries Participated in Recovery Month Library Book Display Initiative
- f. *Strategic Goal 1: Reduce Stigma*
 - i. As a result of our work for gauging stigma in the community during implementation of our community survey, we were able to partner with the local newspaper to have an article run promoting our community survey and the efforts of the McLean County Recovery-Oriented System of Care.



- ii. As a result of our stigma reduction efforts in the beginning of FY25, we were able to educate a local Rotary club on best practices for substance use prevention initiatives.
- iii. As a result of our outreach efforts during National Recovery Month 2024, we were able to have impactful conversations regarding lived experience with five different individuals and provide resources for them.
- g. *Strategic Goal 2: Promote Harm Reduction*
 - i. As a result of our Narcan distribution efforts within McLean County, we were able to distribute over 340 individual boxes of Narcan over the course of FY25.
 - ii. As a result of our work in promoting harm reduction within McLean County, we were able to connect with God's Mission Ministries, a local community member-run organization that focuses on distributing harm reduction supplies such as clean needles and syringes.
- h. *Strategic Goal 3: Increase Service Delivery*
 - i. As a result of working to ensure effective service delivery within McLean County, we strengthened our collaboration with A New Horizon Recovery Community Center through two new initiatives in FY25.
 - ii. As a result of our networking efforts, we engaged with and established a relationship with a completely new community stakeholder, Allies Against Trafficking, a local human trafficking nonprofit organization.
 - iii. As a result of our efforts in engaging with people with lived or living experience, we increased our planning committee by 4 new members.





IV. National Recovery Month September 2025

a. 3rd Annual Recovery Month Library Book Displays

- i. McLean ROSC & A New Horizon Recovery Community Center are partnering again this year to collaborate with libraries across McLean County for the third annual Recovery Month Library Book Display initiative. Libraries will display anti-stigma campaign materials along with harm reduction resources and recovery-oriented book titles.

b. Recovery Stories Project

- i. The McLean County ROSC and A New Horizon Recovery Community Center are partnering for National Recovery Month 2025 to feature a series of local recovery stories on Facebook and Instagram throughout the month of September 2025. We are looking for individuals with lived experience or living experience of recovery from substance use and mental health disorders to share their stories on social media through answering a question and uploading a picture that symbolizes their own personal recovery. Participants may choose to have their recovery stories featured anonymously in the social media post. Participants who share their recovery story will be entered for a gift card drawing. For those interested, please fill out the following form:

www.tinyurl.com/RecoveryStories2025.

c. Paint the Town Purple Initiative

- i. Cat Hays presented the “Paint the Town Purple” initiative which aims to promote Recovery Month Awareness in McLean County, drawing inspiration Ford County’s program. Barb Brumleve explained that participants can decorate their windows, cars, or homes in **PURPLE** and share photos on social media. The initiative will include a voting process based on “Likes” on social media, with prizes such as gift certificates for the most creative displays.



NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Please join us in this initiative for the month of September!

- ✓ Display books focused on substance use and mental health recovery
- ✓ Share print resources about local and statewide recovery services
- ✓ Offer optional harm reduction supplies, such as Narcan® and safe medication disposal bags

Please contact mcleancountyrosc@gmail.com by August 1st if you would like to participate

Our team will work to coordinate all supply drop offs throughout August

National Recovery Month 2025

- ▶ Partnering with A New Horizon
- ▶ Initiatives:
 - ▶ 3rd Annual Recovery Month Library Book Display Collaboration
 - ▶ Recovery Month Recovery Stories Project
 - ▶ Paint the Town Purple

V. Wayman AME Church Recovery Resource Center

- The McLean County ROSC is partnering with Wayman AME Church for pilot testing a recovery resource center at their location, 803 W Olive St, Bloomington, IL 61701. They are asking for print resources from local community agencies and organizations to have readily available to the community at the new recovery resource center. To coordinate drop-off of resources and materials, please email McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com. We will work with their administrator to get supplies to them.

Coming Soon! – Wayman AME Church Recovery Resource Center

- ▶ Call to Action – Wayman AME Church and the McLean County ROSC are asking for council member organizations to share print resource materials for the resource center.

The logo for Wayman AME Church is a purple graphic featuring a stylized 'W' and 'M' intertwined, with a cross symbol above the 'W'. Below the graphic, the text "WAYMAN" is written in a bold, serif font, and "AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

VI. Agency & Community Updates

- Ericka Hahn noted there is a state's mandate for health classes to include fentanyl education. She offers free training and resources for schools, emphasizing their success in Peoria County. Ericka also stated although

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she and her coworker do not speak Spanish, many resources are available in that language.

- b. Darren Jones from Project Oz shared that he will be moving and introduced Jessie Williams to the council. Jesse will now be doing Homeless Outreach for Project Oz. Thank you Darren for all your work in McLean County, you will be dearly missed!! All the best on your next adventure!!

VII. McLean ROSC Updates & Successes

- a. New Volunteer Opportunities
 - i. Pridefest – Downtown Bloomington – 101 W Monroe St, Suite 211
 - 1. Saturday, July 26th, 4-11pm
 - ii. **Recovery Month Recovery Stories** – If interested in participating, please fill out the following form:
www.tinyurl.com/RecoveryStories2025
 - iii. **Paint the Town Purple** – Start planning your decorations during the month of September to raise awareness for Recovery Month in September.
- b. Planning Committee Update – Meetings have resumed. Next meeting will be in August.
 - i. If interested in joining, please contact Cat via email:
cmhays@chestnut.org

VIII. Upcoming Trainings

- a. To learn more about upcoming trainings in the next few months, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/McLeanROSC7-2025Train>

IX. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, August 19th, 2025
- b. 3:30-4:30 pm virtually via Zoom
 - i. Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96709486019>

X. Contact Info

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