



**Bond County Recovery Council**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**  
**10am-11:30am (probably only until 11am)**  
**Via Zoom/In Person at the SMART**  
**building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

## Meeting Minutes:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### In Person:

Toni Randall-BCRC Coordinator  
Monique Brunious-BCRC Coordinator  
Sheridan Jordan-TAC  
Mike Luther-Supervisor DOPP/OEND  
Dusty Hanner-DOPP/OEND  
Dan Hutchison-Associate Director Chestnut Health Systems

#### Via Zoom:

Meagan McGlasson-IRRC  
Alice Fitzsimmons-Lost & Found Ministries  
Amanda Depew-Illinois Joining Forces  
Tracey Dones-Faith Initiative  
Jessica Palazzola-Lincoln Prairie  
Conswala Jones-St Clair Co ROSC  
Beverly Holland-Region 5 TA  
Patrice White-Core Communities  
Sandi Laurent-Kaskaskia College  
Angella Holloway-St Clair County ROSC  
Alex Schneider-HSHS Outreach

### 2. Presentation- Monique Brunious discussing our GOAL #3 of our Strategic Plan

#### **Equity and Inclusion Presentation BCRC 9/10/25-by Monique Brunious**

#### **What is the difference between EQUALITY AND EQUITY?**

- Equity vs. Equality:

**Equality:** Giving everyone the same support.

**Equity:** Giving everyone the support they need to succeed.

**For our strategic plan FY26, The Bond County Recovery Council- ROSC is focused on Building a More Equitable Bond County.** We hope to address the disparities of housing, transportation

and food sources for those who struggle with substance use disorder and Mental Illness. This approach is necessary in Bond County because there are limited resources to provide satisfactory services to those who are on their journey of recovery.

**As a council, a recovery community, our hope**

Is to create County where every resident, regardless of their location, income, or background, has equitable access to the resources needed to thrive.

**Why it matters:**

Inclusive, equitable communities are stronger, healthier, and more prosperous for all.

**The local challenge:**

Our Rural Reality: Bond County faces challenges common to many other rural areas, including limited public transit, affordable housing, and food deserts. These challenges disproportionately affect specific populations, including those who struggle with mental illness and substance use disorder.

**The Cost of Inaction:**

Failure to address these gaps leads to poor health outcomes, economic stagnation, and increased burdens on emergency and social services.

**Call to action:**

**Collaboration is Key:**

No single organization can solve these challenges alone. It will take a collective effort from all of us. The Bond County Recovery Council and Recovery Community Need your help.

**What you can do:**

**Participate:** Join community discussions and volunteer your time and expertise Bond County Recovery Council will form an Equity and Inclusion group to brainstorm ideas and share experiences which build equitable and inclusiveness in our community. We need you to share your expertise.

**Advocate:** Use your voice to prioritize equity and inclusion in community planning.

**Invest:** Support our local organizations and initiatives working on transportation, housing, and food security.

**Advocate:** Use your voice to prioritize equity and inclusion in community planning.

**Here are some examples:**

**Equity in transportation**

We are fortunate to have Bond County Transit, but we must ensure its services are fully accessible and meets the needs of people with substance use disorder and mental illness.

### **Bond County Barriers:**

Many of our people with lived experience face obstacles getting to jobs, meetings, medical appointments, and grocery stores due to:

- \* **Limited Transit hours:** Service ends in the mid-afternoon.
- \* **No evening and weekend service:** Excludes those with non-traditional work schedules.
- \* **Last-mile gaps:** Transportation service may not reach rural residences.

### **Ideas for Inclusion:**

- \* **Expanded Hours:** Start a program at **BCT** with extended weekday or limited weekend service
- \* **Volunteers** Create partnership with non-profits and churches to volunteer driver networks. (like Free Methodist Church)
- \* **Coordination:** Collaborate with a ride sharing service

### **Equity in housing**

**Affordable Housing Shortage:** Rural Illinois often lacks affordable housing options, forcing families to choose between quality and cost. The Bond County Housing Authority is a vital resource, but demand often outpaces availability.

### **Ideas for Inclusion:**

- \* **Partnerships:** Partner with BCMW Community Services and other local groups to access state and federal housing assistance.
- \* **Support Homeownership:** Promote USDA housing loan programs for rural residents.
- \* **Create** a program that helps low-income homeowners with critical home repairs.

### **Equity in food access**

**Barriers to healthy food:** Limited transportation and income create challenges for accessing outside grocery stores and farmers' markets.

- \* **Food Deserts:** Some rural residents live in "food deserts" (Sorento/Pocahontas/Keyesport) with **limited access** to fresh, nutritious food.
- \* **High Poverty:** Bond County has a higher poverty rate than the Illinois average, impacting food security. Most of our recovery community has only a link card which is difficult to purchase food for a month since costs are so high.

### **Ideas for Inclusion:**

- \* **Mobile Markets:** Launch a mobile market or grocery delivery service to reach underserved areas.
- \* **Support Community Gardens:** Invest in the United Methodist community garden as a recovery community helping nutritional food grow and/or educational programs through partnerships with Illinois Extension and 4-H. clubs.

**\*Strengthen Food Pantries:** Help Bond County Food Pantry by getting more donations or coordinate transportation for food pantry volunteers and clients.

## Conclusion:

We need the help of our stakeholders in order to achieve these goals.

### 3. Strategic Plan Work Group Updates

**-RCO Development** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2-3pm via ZOOM. We are looking for a few more people to join this group. We are currently working with the “Next Network” from Litchfield about sharing services in Bond County. Patrick Miller, Shane Pinnell, Jon Magnuson, Thomas Srygler, Amanda Zinkgraf, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Pastor Bilyeu, Dusty Hanner, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting will be October 14th. **Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni**

**-Equity in Rural Communities** (used to be transportation)-2:30-3:30pm, meet via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (potential for this to be updated). Melissa Marti, Michelle Miller, Patrice White, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Amanda Zinkgraf, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. We are looking for ways to improve Equity in Bond County. Monique will be off work for a couple of months. This group will return to meetings on October 21<sup>st</sup>. **Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Monique**

**-Stigma**-8:30-9:30am, meet this month at McDonalds in Greenville (currently 4th Thursday of each month). At our September meeting, we will be deciding on a NEW time, day and location for this group. If you want to have a say in this, please attend this meeting or share your availability with Toni prior to the meeting. We are starting a NEW Stigma Reduction campaign called “Beyond the Silence”. This would be a great time to join us. Alice Fitzsimmons, Patrick Miller, Dusty Hanner, Amanda Zinkgraff, Sarah Rench, Rebecca Klitzke, Thomas Srygler, Samantha Hill, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting September 25th. **Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni**

#### 4. Review of Old Business

**-Completed Resource List**-Continue to be a fluid document and will be emailed out every month for updates. Thanks for your help keeping these current.

**-We continue to have Laundry Day.** The next one will be the first Saturday of the month 11am to 1pm on October 4th. We are currently have a partnership with the Prairie Counseling Center on this project. Could also be partnering in the future with the First Baptist Church. Averaging 10-15 loads each time. Possibility of doing twice a month in the future.

**-Unhoused bags**-we made 50 of these. We have maybe ½ of them left. We will be sharing them with Next Network when they start doing outreach in Bond County. They will have contact with those in need. Do we have anyone who has a need?

**-Punch Cards for Attending Meetings**-Bond County Recovery Council has partnered with Prairie Counseling Center for this project. Clarification from Michelle.

**-Gas Cards**-for those who can not afford to get to meetings. Another partnership with Prairie Counseling Center.

Many thanks to all the following who helped make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Overdose Awareness a HUGE success!

# Overdose Awareness-2025

Organization	Contact	Sent	Who was present
HSHS-Greenville	Teresa Cornelious/Patrick Small	X	YES-provided chips
Lost & Found	Alice Fitzsimmons	X	YES-provided bottled water
Celebrate Recovery	Shane Pinnell/Amy Marcoot	X	YES-provided Pulled Pork
Law Enforcement	Josh Hill/Taylor Hill	X	Provided soda, we need coolers & ice (Taylor)
NARCAN	Dusty Hanner/Marianne Drainer	X	YES-Dusty
Core Communities	Sandy Bellegante/Patrice White/Dee Armes	X	YES-Sandy & Patrice
Greenville Library	Jo Keillor	X	YES-Reached out 8/25 and asked to join us
First Baptist Church	Community Table & Clothing Closet	X	YES
Prairie Counseling Center	Michelle Miller	X	YES-Chelsey & Amanda-cookies & photo booth
Kaskaskia College	Sandi Laurent	X	YES-provided sweet treats
BJC Stabilization Unit	Sheena Langhauser	X	YES
Illinois Recovery Center	Jacob Dunavant/Meagan McGlasson	X	YES-Meagan was there
Bond County Crisis Nursery	Tiffany Mendenhall	X	YES
Centerstone	Alyssa Cline Spencer	X	YES-was there
Bond County Recovery Council		X	YES

## OTHER

City of Greenville	Elaine McNamara	X	Trash Cans-emcnamara@greenvilleillinois.com
Singing	Patrice White & Tanesha (Niece)	X	YES-Amazing Grace/Dancing in the Sky Patrice, Tanish Victor
Speaker	Patrick Small	X	YES
Speaker	Katie Anthony	X	YES
Speaker	Will DeBerry	X	YES
Prayer	David Bilyeu-First Baptist Church	X	YES
WGEL Radio	Jeff Leidel	X	YES

## 5. New Business

**-Anti Stigma Work Group**-we have started a new campaign. **“Beyond the Silence”**

-Video Clips of PLE's & their experience with Stigma (filming is done for the 1<sup>st</sup> round)  
First video has been released on the Bond County Recovery Council's NEW You Tube Channel

-QR code-leads to our NEW YouTube channel

-Yard Signs-have arrived. We had them on our parade float this year. They were introduced and handed out at OD Awareness. We had 100 of them. Goal is to have all of them up in Bond County to share the Anti Stigma messaging. Take a look at end of agenda for samples. We are down to 10 or 15 left. Let Toni know if you would like one.

-Buttons with Anti Stigma messages-these were released at Overdose Awareness. Same messaging as Yard Signs. Available for anyone who would like them. Just let Toni know. Samples at the end of agenda.

-Table Tents to link to You Tube channel with videos-currently working on

-Stickers, car clings with messages (same messaging as Yard Signs & Buttons)  
-currently working on

-Store front windows

-Podcasts & Media Interviews

-Community presentations

**Thank you to everyone who:**

**-Took time to be interviewed for the Stigma campaign video**

**-Participated in our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Overdose Awareness Event-August 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm on Courthouse lawn**

**-Came out and participated in our 1<sup>st</sup> “Together We Walk” Recovery Walk at Patriots Park this past Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. HUGE thank you to Prairie Counseling Center who sponsored this event.**

**-Huge thank you to The Milk House for the donation of the location for the Prom**

**-A HUGE THANK YOU to HSHS who donated to the Catering from Vicki's Diner for our Prom Event this Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Milk House.**

**-Huge thank you to Vicki's diner for providing a portion of payment for the Prom Food**

**-Huge thank you to Wes Pourchot who is providing the meat for the Recovery Picnic**

**-September is Recovery Month (events we are hosting):**

Saturday, September 6th-Recovery Walk – held this past weekend

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm-"Prayer Vigil" on courthouse lawn. This is tonight. It will last about 30 minutes. Please come out and join us as we pray for all who struggle with Substance Use, Mental Health, their families, friends and loved ones.

Saturday, September 13th -"Senior Prom" Coming up this Saturday. We have just a couple of tickets left for \$5. Going to be an awesome event.

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>- "Church Recovery Prayer Day" Letter's were mailed to all churches in Bond County. I hope your church is sharing this Sunday in prayer.

Saturday, September 20th -"Rockin' For Recovery" in Bethalto. (flyer at end of agenda) We are carpooling. Please let us know if anyone needs a ride.

Saturday, September 27th – **"Recovery Picnic"** (Monique is taking the lead on this) Flyer is Available (also at the end of this agenda). We will be needing some volunteers for this. Below is the things Monique is needing help with. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

**FOOD:**

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Macaroni

Veggie Tray & Dip

Fruit Tray

Variety of Chips

Hot Dog Buns

Hamburger Buns Cheese

**DESSERTS**

Cookies

Pie

Cake etc.

**DRINKS:**

Soda

Water

Juice for kids

**OTHER:**

Aluminum Foil

To Go Boxes



**-Game Nights-will be returning on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm with a Movie Night at “The Vine” in the basement of the First Baptist Church. We will be watching “Recovery Boys”. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks provided for FREE. Please share and invite everyone.**

6. Update from any Groups & Organizations:

7. General Reminders

-ADVISORY BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. In 2025 we will be meeting every month on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm. We meet at Senior Center in Greenville. Free drinks & \$20 GC for attending & contributing. Next meeting is October at 7pm-8:30pm.

- FAMILY GAME NIGHT. The Advisory Board will also be hosting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of the month from 6-9pm at the Senior Center. **Lots of FUN things ahead with this. We will be hosting movie night, tie dying t-shirts, having a Christmas party and so much more.**

-SORENTO CELEBRATE RECOVERY-Assembly of God Church in Sorento. Sunday's from 5:30-7:30. They will have dinner and childcare. We would love for anyone to share more about this meeting.

-GREENVILLE CELEBRATE RECOVERY-Free Methodist Church in Greenville. Thursday's 5:30pm-Dinner, 6:15pm-Large Group, 7:15pm-Men's & Women's Groups (Childcare Available)

-SMART RECOVERY-Prairie Counseling Center, ONLY Tuesdays 6pm (no more Wednesday group)

-LOST & FOUND NEW TIMES-

Sunday-Men's Bible Study 4pm, Service at 6:15pm

Monday-Men's Recovery Group 7pm

Tuesday-Women's Recovery Group 6:30pm

Thursday-Women's Bible Study 10am

Friday-Sober Bar 7-11pm

-BOND COUNTY TRANSIT- Transit bus will take people to Vandalia on Tuesday (Walmart & Aldi) and Highland on Thursday (Walmart & Ruler) to more stores than what is in Greenville. (Shopping time is 11am-noon). It is a flat rate of \$10 to be picked up at your house and taken back after the trip. 15 bags of groceries allowed. Call Bond County Transit the day before to set up ride. Recovery council now has vouchers for those in the Recovery Community who do service work.

-AMARE FAMILY SUPPORT-Lyndsey McCoy, Certified Recovery Coach. She can connect people to several groups & support networks. She works in St Clair, Madison, Christian & Jersey. She can work with families from Bond County virtually. For more information reach out to her at [lmccoy@amarenfp.org](mailto:lmccoy@amarenfp.org)

-REFLECTIONS-Prairie Counseling Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am.

-HEALERS group will be updated soon. For more information contact Monique

8. FREE Virtual Narcan Training each month by Chestnut. For more information email [SR-NARCAN@chestnut.org](mailto:SR-NARCAN@chestnut.org). The next one is Thursday, September 18th. Please see flyer at the end of the minutes.

#### Future Meeting Dates for 2025:

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025

December 9, 2025

BCRC Vision: Working together to build and maintain safer and healthier communities of recovery and hope.

BCRC Mission: To empower the Bond County communities to support prevention and recovery through awareness, policy, education, stigma reduction and access to quality services.



Stigma Message  
Buttons:





AMARE 6TH ANNUAL



# ROCKIN' FOR RECOVERY

BETHALTO PARK, 211 E CENTRAL ST, BETHALTO, IL 62010

**SATURDAY**

**09.20.2025**

**1PM-6PM**

**ADMISSION IS FREE !**

**FEATURING**

**HEARTLAND  
BAND**



**ROCK MAFIA**

**PLUS! DRY CLEAN ONLY**

**FOOD TRUCKS**

**COOL TIMES ICE CREAM TRUCK  
TACOS EL MANNY  
BIG MEECHIES**



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& Blake Weiss*

*Food -  
Sponsored by  
Wes Poechout*

*Testimonies by  
Taylor F,  
Chelsey S, and  
Clayton*

*Games,  
Fellowship, and  
Fun!*

# *Bond County Recovery Picnic 2025*



*Saturday, September 27th  
noon-3pm  
Jaycee Park, 500 Dewey St, Greenville, IL*

*Celebrating ALL who are  
in any type of Recovery!  
Everyone is welcome!*

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Thursday, September 18, 2025

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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