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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 16th, 2025

1. Welcome:

- A. **In person:** Sheridan Jordan, Monique Brunious, Dan Hutchison, Deb Beckmann, Beverly Holland, Stephanie Zimmermann
- B. **Virtual:** Alex Schneider, Andrea Davis, Angella Holloway, Conswala Jones, Craig Loddeke, Deb Loddeke, Jeshua Pearson, Jessica Palazzolo, Mark Knot, Morgan Isaiah, Patrick Miller, Phyllis Babrove, Rachel Chruszyk, Tisha Lancaster, Toni Randall

2. Community Survey approved by the state. SHARE SHARE SHARE!!!

- A. <https://forms.office.com/r/rX1pU9Ccn1?origin=lprLink>

It's important to share the community needs survey for the Take Action Coalition because it gives community members a voice in shaping the future of local prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. When more people participate, the results give a clearer, more accurate picture of what the community is experiencing and what resources are needed most.



Purpose of the survey:

- To gather honest feedback from Clinton County about recovery, substance use, mental health, and related issues.
- To identify gaps in services, barriers to access, and areas where the community feels more support is needed.
- To guide the coalition's programs, events, and advocacy efforts so they reflect the real needs of the people who live here.
- To strengthen partnerships with local leaders, organizations, and residents by showing that decisions are based on community input, not assumptions.

3. Agenda Flow Update

Moving forward, we want to shift the flow of TAC's agenda, so it better aligns with our core work in Clinton County:

Reducing stigma around substance use and mental health.

4 stigma-busting events per year to get the community involved in recovery. These events will be centered on the impact stigma has on individuals and as a whole community.

Increasing awareness of how to access local services and resources.

As we discussed in our previous meeting, we will be hosting/co-hosting 12 events per year to educate the community about services in our area and how to access them.

Supporting RCO (Recovery Community Organization) development and community-led recovery initiatives.

Create a work group/subcommittee to meet up and plan how to move towards creating an RCO, connecting with RCOs in Illinois to receive mentorship on how to progress this goal.

This approach will help keep our meetings focused on the big-picture goals that guide our coalition's efforts.

MOVING FORWARD – we will work to establish workgroups to address these priorities.

Please reach out if these workgroups pique your interest.

4. Sub Committee Reports:

- A. Overdose Awareness Day was a powerful reminder that our community cares. A few weeks after Sheridan's press release, local outlets including the Union Banner, Breese Journal, and Trenton Sun covered the event and helped spread our message. The day was guided with care by Cara at the microphone, and with moving music from *Roaming Home*. We are especially grateful to our two speakers who bravely shared their lived experiences with recovery — their voices gave hope and strength to everyone in attendance.

We also thank the organizations whose support made the day possible:

- Community Resource Center, Memorial Hospital – Medical Stabilization, Narcotics Anonymous, Chestnut Health Systems, and Illinois Recovery Center.

B. Celebrate Life (CL)

Sunday, September 21st, 2025

Ads for Celebrate Life will be running 9/11 & 9/18 in the Breese Journal

- Facebook boost is advertised for the event from 8/24 – 9/21
- Banner orders placed, paid for, and picked up 8/25/25 from AVH
- Fun Zone for kids
- Organizations:

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| • Breese Community Church | • BCMW Community Action Agency |
| • Clinton County Citizens for Life | • IL Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) |
| • IL Faith and Recovery Collaboration | • Illinois Recovery Center |
| • Celebrate Recovery | • ROE #13 Birth to Three |
| • Kingdomology 101 – a church without walls | • ImpactLife |
| • Relevant Pregnancy Options Center | • Take Action Coalition of Clinton County |
| • Memorial Hospital Medical Stabilization | • Moose Safe Surfing (Child ID Protection on the internet) |
| • Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center | • Clinton County Recovery Shop |
| • Coping 4Life | • Clinton County Drug Court |
| • IL Joining Forces (VA Recovery) | • Hoyleton Youth & Family Services |
| • Gateway Foundation SOR Program at St Joseph's Hospital in Breese | • CASA of Southern IL |
| • Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA-Kings Servant's #892 Mt Vernon) | • Champion Consulting, Counseling and Mediation in New Baden |
| • Chestnut Health Systems | |

C. Red Ribbon Week (RRW) Oct 27-31

- Schools have been emailed, with about 10 responses so far.
- Wristbands are ordered & we are accepting volunteers to count wristbands
- We need help with distribution of resources, wristbands and RRW announcements. We will also

take trifolds and resource lists to every school participating in RRW. Also connecting them to our training services for instances like parent-teacher conferences.

5. Additional Information/Announcements:

- A. Craig and Deb Loddeke are stepping out of their role as Faith-based subcommittee members. They will continue their work with churches in Clinton county.
- B. Patrick Miller from the Center of Community Engagement announced he is looking for Clinton County churches to host Adult Mental Health First Aid, this is an 8-hour workshop that can be split into two days if not feasible to do one 8-hour course.
- C. Jessica Palazzolo announced the training, “Anxiety Relief for Young Minds”, see flyer below for details:

Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center presents

**ANXIETY RELIEF FOR YOUNG MINDS:
RECOGNIZING AND TREATING
CHILDHOOD ANXIETY**

10.15.2025
9A-10:30A CT
VIA ZOOM

**KAREN DOYLE
BUCKWALTER
LCSW, RPT-S**
SPEAKER

Register :
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/uuctk3q>

Free CEU available for
LSW/LCSW/LPC/LCPC/RN/LPN

LINCOLN PRAIRIE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
**Karen Doyle
Buckwalter**

The next meeting will be Tues. October 21st, 2025, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., in person at 511 9th Street, Carlyle and at the same Zoom link.

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TAC Vision:

Our vision is to reduce the impact and stigma of substance use among residents of Clinton County.

TAC Mission:

Our mission is to be cohesive partners developing comprehensive strategies involving prevention, education, and recovery support in our rural community.