



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 2, 2025, 10:30am-12pm

Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)

Prairie Creek Library: 501 Carriage House Lane Dwight, IL 60420

Attendees In-Person:

- **Sheriff Ryan Bohm**-Livingston County Sheriff
- **Taylor Hartman**-Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland Head Start
- **Rhonda Looney**- IHR
- **Lauren Michalski**-Safe Journeys
- **Chief Mike Nolan**-Chief of Police
- **John Schneider**-Liv ROSC
- **Clarie Spires**-OSF

Attendees Online:

- **Monte Andrews**-Rural Transportation Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois county
- **Deb Beckmann**-Chestnut/Statewide ROSC
- **Tim Jenkins**-Futures Unlimited
- **Kari Knapp**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Madalyn Lane**-Livingston County Probation
- **Chrystal Little**- Livingston County Health Department
- **Jodi Martin**- Boys and Girls Club
- **Shayla Mays**-IHR
- **Alisa Ndorongo**-Fall (DRS)

FY26 Community Survey

- John brought in survey flyers to everyone and the postcard we created to help distribute the survey out to everyone. The survey started on September 6, 2025 and goes till December 1, 2025. We have expanded our time from last year.
- We had 247 surveys last year and our goal this year is 500.
- As of 9/3/2025 we had 78 surveys.
- John made note that the ROSC Coalition is not his or Grace's or Kari's coalition it is their Livingston County council. We need your help to distribute the survey to as many people as possible.

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- Last year we were against five to six different surveys and this year we are against at least one. This will hopefully help get more responses. So anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated because helping this helps all of you as well. Some of the things that we looked at doing to provide getting this out there differently than we did last year. We've put it in different places. We are going to be bringing more things to Shannon so she can distribute to the parents. We've got all kinds of different ways out there that we're utilizing this year to get this survey in front of more people.
- Our Facebook expansion is probably five times what it was last year to get that out in individual communities, not just in our social media with ROSC. We ask you all to share it, whether that's personally or with your agency Facebook pages or Instagram, but getting out into the communities.
 - We had a discussion a couple of weeks ago with some of you in this room and you're like, well, I don't know if I want to join that Facebook group because of drama and things like that, but let's look at the big picture. We're people in need and we want to reach as many as we can. So we'll take the drama out of that and we'll focus on getting more results so we can all share the work that we do.
 - So the next steps for this....
 - We're gonna continue to do Facebook boosts.
 - We're gonna continue to get into some other areas through social media.
 - I'm going to continue to hit you until the last day of November, even between Thanksgiving and the first of December about getting this shared, taking the survey, taking it home. So if you get tired of hearing from John just wait till December 😊

Community Resource Mapping

- Kari sent it out last week to everyone to take a look at our 2025 Community Resource Map. There were council members in person that indicated that they had a chance to look at before the meeting. Shannon from Head Start said that she used it recently and it was a very helpful resource for someone who is in crisis, especially if they are looking for something specific. As a whole it very well put together.
 - **Discussion on Edits Needed: Content Accuracy**
 - Transportation is the only thing that needs to be changed. We should see if anything from IHR's has expanded or changed so we can update things on our end.
 - Claire from OSF will send some places that have changed and will send edits to John.
 - Sun Meals may continue in 26' and if so we would like to know if it locked down and then we will add it to the resource mapping.



- Heartland Head Start would like to add more to the prenatal care and she will send the verbiage that should be there to us.
- The Hope Center now has a sonagram and will need to research that to see what to put there.
- Path doesn't have 211 anymore.
- Futures Unlimited offers behavioral health to general public and Tim will send information to add.
- U of I Extension is not in there and needs to be added.
- Boys and Girls club Woodland/Streator, and please remove the Pontiac Junior High School and should say Fairbary office.
- IHR will send the meeting information to John to update.
- Grief Support group is starting up this month or this week Claire will send that information.
- IHR Family Group will be added.
- **Discussion on Edits Needed: Clarity & Accessibility**
 - Council member stated that they appreciate the hours of business being on there, so making sure those are up to date when we go through it.
 - What is hard is finding gas cards for cancer patients for people going to Bloomington. WIC office can provide them and Salvation Army has but not sure if that is in their blurb.
 - ROE 17 has offered assistance with people with mortgages. It opens up in the beginning of the school year and then it goes very fast.
 - Health Department-We also have WIC services and Healthy Families Illinois. Maybe under community resources or youth and young adult services.
 - The Health Department has gas cards for cancer patients. It is not heavily advertised but please know we do have them. We can put that in the document.
 - Thorntons offers fuel only gas cards.
- Language- John thinks it's straight forward and it written in 6th grade level.
- Rearranging- No comments

Community Updates

- **Monte Andrews-Rural Transportation**

- Show Bus has been discontinued as the Livingston County as rural transportation and the reasons will be clear in the next month. Futures Unlimited has stepped up in short term and be the public carrier. They have a new number and will be calling themselves Futures Connect and will be Public Transportation. They want to throw their hat in the ring to be the full-time transportation not just disability transportation. 815-690-0528 is the new number. No guarantees, but trying to

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schedule the best they can right now and will start in the next to 5-10 days. And the, as they hire drivers and get things going, things will get better, as they say, for lack of a better term, get better or more efficient. It is all coming together.

- If you have any questions email mandrews@livingstoncountyl.gov . Contact your insurance and see if they will pick up the cost of the ride. Futures has a person that deals with insurance already. Insurance should be able to pick up the fare, but you should contact them to make sure.
- They will be doing the same stops that Show Bus made on Route 25 from Chatsworth to Pontiac, through Fairbury, Forest, etc..
- John brought up that people in Piper City to be brought to Chatsworth.
- John had also asked if there would be a \$2 charge with Futures and that is still being decided, but insurance should be able to cover any cost if they do.

- **Tim Jenkins-Futures Unlimited**

- Futures Unlimited to secure non-emergency medical transportation capability. That then allows us to receive a small amount of funding for providing transportation services to and from medical appointments. Our primary interest in that initially was to make sure that in the community could come see us for psychotherapy in the behavioral health clinic here at Futures. That rapidly expanded to the idea of making sure that everyone can access transportation to and from medical appointments in the community.
- It has been a fight with the state of Illinois and insurance companies to pay for those services. All grouped together, those are called health choice insurances. Sometimes people call them Medicaid MCOs, so Blue Cross Shield, Molina, Meridian, and Aetna Better Health. And I'm pleased that we've made progress with three of those securing transportation contracts to Molina, Meridian, and Aetna Better Health. We're in discussions with Blue Cross Blue Shield, who cars out their transportation services to a different vendor.
- We also have the capability of providing non-emergency transportation to some with what we call straight Medicaid. When people initially get qualified for Medicaid, they receive a piece of paper in the mail that has their information on it. They have not chosen a managed care organization to manage their Medicaid. Still in Livingston County, people have the option to do that or not do that. The stop gap with BlueCross BlueShield allows single case agreements for transportation. It takes a little more paperwork and staff time, but we can take them to their doctor and then back home. When people have a specialist appointment outside of Livingston County, to Joliet, to Kankakee, we are able to provide that transportation to them where they may not be able to make that appointment. It is sometimes very hard to achieve specialty care but we can provide that service to them, but it does take some time to set that up, but we can do that.

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- this being a new service to us as well, we are rapidly growing in that component of transportation and adding staff to fulfill the needs of that transportation. The component of additional transportation that is public transportation is something that Monte mentioned before and we are definitely going to do our best to come up to speed and make sure that transportation services are available to all residents of Livingston County.
- The component that I'm involved with most has been the non-emergency transportation component. If there are questions about general transportation, I would encourage you to reach out to Monte to answer those questions. But in the event that folks do have transportation needs where folks are not able to get to their doctor appointment or get to their counseling appointment, social services appointments are also applicable with that. Futures is now capable of providing those services. And that same telephone number for Futures Connect is the operable telephone number to call in order to activate that.
- Telephone for Futures Connect is the same phone number to activate that service. We have counseling services, and we have an intake meeting and will need a few days to schedule a meeting. You can contact me directly if you have any questions about anything.
- **Chrystal Little-Livingston County Health Department**
 - We do have our flu clinics going on. So anybody that needs that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we're using our drive through facility from seven to eight o'clock in the morning. So that, you know, if the hassle of getting out of the car and that type of thing, we do have that offered this year. In October. Also still offering free smoking cessation classes to clients, so if you have anybody you can send them our way. I currently don't have any clients, so I can get them in right away.
- **Madelyn Lane-Probation**
 - Once we have an official resource map and I get my coworkers on board, is when we get a new client sentenced to probation is give them the resource map during their orientation meeting. We have orientation meetings with our clients to go over their probation order, drug testing, sign consents, and we make referrals for substance use and mental health, I feel that would be a good time to give them the map. That way they have it at the very start of their term. And then go over the resource map with them to let them know where things are at. So I think that'll be a good way to help get that out once it's official.
- **Jodi Martin-Boys and Girls Club**
 - The Intergeneration Center is in February. If you want to schedule any meetings there, the boardroom is available for free for people. The seniors are starting to get more active and starting to schedule more activities. We have had some agencies



come in and will need to coordinate when they are there so we can share what the needs are for the seniors.

- Licensed Child Care Updates- Pontiac Baptist church needs to contact to see if we can use their facilities.
- **Shannon Lawler-Heartland Head Start**
 - Shannon brought in flyers for the Heartland Head Start Give Your Child a Head Start program that has open enrollment happening right now. She is very excited about the enrollment numbers being up! As mentioned in the last meeting their grant has extended for another five more years.
 - Part of what she loves to do is help pregnant moms who might be struggling to make ends meet, struggling to keep up with appointments. She's been a part of two births now, and gotten to be in the delivery room for both of those. It's just an amazing experience to be that support system for those moms and make sure that we have those healthy babies. And then we have Head Start babies from beginning to kindergarten.
 - Open Enrollment
 - Center-Based (6wks-5yrs)
 - Home-Based (6wks-3yrs)
 - Expecting Mothers
- **Lauren Michalski-Safe Journeys**
 - We do have something for survivors, but if you comment encounter with anybody that's maybe needing help with rent or utilities, and they disclose that they have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault, refer them to us and that it's something we could possibly help them with financially.
- **Clarie Spires-OSF**
 - Grief support group flyer will be sent to the group. Second and 4th Tuesdays at 4pm and will upstairs. When we were at the senior fair and several people asked about having this meeting. October 14th is the first meeting and there will be a Bereavement Counselor there who has been doing these types of meeting for several years now leading it. The more people who attend the more we can keep around. There is a cancer center in Pontiac that is open Monday and Wednesday.

Subcommittees

- Narcan distribution updates
- Tabling events- started early and ended late this year. Hats off to those who attended events this year!

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- Can one of the subcommittees meet at one of the facilities? Jodi said to just contact her and she can schedule that.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025

- Hybrid Meeting at Dominy Memorial Library (Fairbury, IL) and via Zoom 10:30am-12:00pm
- 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>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livingston.county.ros/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGU_LCzRafxtFTikOV38oDg

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Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.