

ROSC Consortium Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2025, **Time:** 2:00pm

- ROSC Planning Committee Meeting: 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
- ROSC Consortium Meeting: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Location:** Hybrid – Zoom or Beacon Church, Litchfield **Meeting Lead:** Lindsay Minor

Attendees

In-Person:

- Lindsay Minor – St. Francis Way Clinic/ROSC
- Elyse Schoen – St. Francis Way Clinic/ROSC
- Starla King – Recovery Corps
- Sam Brown – Fifth Street Renaissance
- Diane May – St. Francis Way Clinic
- Steve Bryant – Community Member
- Kit Stanford – TASC

Online:

- Carissa Vandenberg Clark – St. Louis University
- Hank Boehme – Family Guidance Center
- Johanna Gonzalez – Illinois DHS, Division of Behavioral Health, and Recovery
- Deb Beckmann – Statewide ROSC
- Heather Meyers – Salvation Army
- Bonnie Goodwin – Christian Outreach Center
- Alexandria Lafaye – Centerstone
- Alleahnia Pollard – Recovery Corps
- Carrie McKinzie – Gateway
- Jason Farley – NAMI

Transcript

The ROSC Consortium Meeting discussed various initiatives and activities. Carissa introduced herself as an LCSW and Associate Professor at St. Louis University. Hank Boehme and Johanna Gonzalez also introduced themselves. The group highlighted upcoming events like the Fall into Recovery family event and a campout for homeless vets. They discussed distributing "We Support Recovery" stickers to businesses and planning for Drug Takeback Day. A diaper drive is ongoing, and libraries are now required to carry Narcan. Free laundry days have helped 11 people since July, with \$50 in funds remaining. The group aims to collect 300–400 community survey responses by December 30.

Action Items

- ☐ Brainstorm and implement ideas for National Drug Takeback Day
- ☐ Coordinate Narcan training and distribution with local libraries
- ☐ Distribute "We Support Recovery" stickers to local businesses for National Recovery Month
- ☐ Recruit volunteers and secure funding for October free laundry days
- ☐ Distribute community survey widely through various channels
- ☐ Analyze survey results and identify gaps in demographics reached

Outline

Introductions and Roles

Lindsay Minor initiates the meeting and asks Carissa to introduce herself. Carissa introduces herself as LCSW at Macoupin County Public Health Department and Associate Professor at St. Louis University School of Medicine. Hank Boehme from Family Guidance Centers Inc. introduces himself. Johanna Gonzalez introduces herself as ROSC coordinator from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health, and Recovery. Elyse Schoen mentions various note takers and introduces other participants, including Steve Bryant from Hill Park District, Sam Brown from Renaissance, and Diane from Saint Francis group.

Participant Introductions and Roles

Heather Meyers from the Salvation Army introduces herself and explains her role in the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. Elyse Schoen appreciates Heather's involvement and mentions the importance of addressing substance abuse among veterans. Deb Beckmann-SROSC introduces herself as part of the statewide ROSC leadership team. Bonnie introduces herself as a recovery coach in Pana, Illinois, at the Well Christian Outreach Center. Alexandria Lafaye introduces herself as the clinical coordinator for a telehealth mental health program for school-aged children and their families.

ROSC Coordinators and Meeting Agenda

Lindsay Minor mentions the transition of ROSC coordinators and the involvement of Elyse and herself in the role. The meeting agenda includes discussing Recovery Month activities and planning for Recovery Day on September 30. Lindsay Minor asks participants to share their Recovery Month activities and plans. Deb Beckmann-SROSC shares details about the Fall into Recovery family event and the campout for homeless vets.

Recovery Month Activities and Recovery Day Planning

Deb Beckmann-SROSC provides more details about the Fall into Recovery events, including games, an outdoor movie, and a food costume contest. The campout for homeless vets involves building shelters out of boxes and spending the night raising awareness about homelessness. Elyse Schoen asks for the website to be shared in the chat, and Alexandria Lafaye requests it to be repeated. Elyse Schoen mentions the availability of stickers for Recovery Day and asks for ideas on how to distribute them to businesses.

Recovery Day Sticker Distribution and Drug Takeback Day

Lindsay Minor shows the Recovery Day sticker and explains the goal of distributing it to businesses in Macoupin and Montgomery counties. The sticker aims to decrease stigma and increase community awareness about supporting recovery. Elyse Schoen asks volunteers to help distribute the stickers and mentions Sam's willingness to assist. The discussion shifts to planning for Drug Takeback Day, with Lindsay Minor and Elyse Schoen seeking innovative ideas and input from the consortium.

Diaper Drive and Narcan Availability in Libraries

Lindsay Minor mentions the ongoing diaper drive and the last day to donate diapers. A new law requires libraries to carry Narcan, and shares updates on libraries in Macoupin and Montgomery counties that have implemented this. Litchfield Library is highlighted for its proactive approach in carrying Narcan and providing training. Lindsay Minor and Elyse Schoen offer to provide contact information for those interested in attending Narcan training sessions.

Free Laundry Days and Community Support

Elyse Schoen discusses the free laundry days initiative, which has been ongoing since July, and thanks to participating organizations. The initiative aims to help families with laundry expenses and has also provided hygiene kits and snacks. Lindsay and Elyse mention the need for volunteers and donations for October and highlight recent donations from Litchfield National Bank and the Lions Club. The discussion includes plans for future laundry days and the importance of community support.

Community Survey and Data Collection

Elyse Schoen introduces the community survey, which aims to collect data by December 30. The survey will be distributed through various channels, including text messages, social media, and paper copies, emphasizes the importance of reaching a wide range of demographics and not just those already aware of resources. Participants discuss strategies for distributing the survey, including postcards, newspaper ads, and social media posts.

Survey Distribution Strategies and Final Remarks

Participants suggest various methods for distributing the survey, including postcards, food pantry bags, and social media. Elyse Schoen highlights the importance of not skewing the results by targeting only those already familiar with resources. The discussion includes ideas for reaching out to specific demographics, such as younger people and those not online. Lindsay Minor encourages participants to keep paper copies of the survey for distribution to people they encounter regularly.