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## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 18th, 2025

1. **Zoom Attendees:** Monique Brunious, Sheridan Jordan, Lisa Massa - DCFS, Conswala Jones – St. Clair ROSC, Beverly Holland – Region 5 ROSC TA, Dusty Hanner – OEND/Chestnut Health Systems, Jeshua Pearson – BASE Grant/Chestnut Health Systems, Jessica Palazzolo – Lincoln Prairie, Johanna Gonzales- Statewide ROSC, Mandy Ocepek – St. Joseph’s ER in Breese, Toni Randall – Bond County Recovery Council, Stephanie Brooks – PLE/ SMART Facilitator/CASA, Carla (anonymous) – community member.

2. **Presentation** by Lisa Massa from Department CFS:

Lisa Massa, a long-time DCFS staff member and foster parent of four siblings, emphasized the urgent need for qualified foster families in Clinton County. Lisa shared current data showing that in Fall 2025, less than 3% of children in the county required removal from their homes for safety reasons. As of November 2025, 59 youth from Clinton County were placed in foster care. Demographics include: 59% Caucasian, 33% Black, 8% Hispanic, 0% Asian. Age groups are: 42% ages 0–5, 32% ages 6–12, 19% ages 13–17, and 7% ages 18+.



She noted the ongoing challenge of finding homes willing to accept children, especially Spanish-speaking homes.

Basic qualifications for foster care providers include:

- Being 21 or older
- Single, married, divorced, or legally separated
- Completing a medical exam
- Having adequate home space
- Being financially self-supporting

Foster parents receive reimbursement stipends, WIC benefits, and access to other supports. Lisa highlighted that the greatest reward is making a positive impact—supporting vulnerable children, serving the community, and experiencing meaningful emotional fulfillment.

3. **Community Survey:** IGA gave us permission to solicit Saturday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> to distribute survey QR code cards and paper surveys to patrons, we increased the number of takers of the survey from 122 to 130. The link is below and QR code to the right to share with community members.  
 A. <https://forms.office.com/r/rX1pU9Ccn1?origin=lprLink>
4. **ROSC Event Updates:** We partnered with the Recovery Shop for the final Dam Walk for All Things Recovery that took place Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 5 community members that joined us that day.
5. **Review/Discussion Items:** The Recovery Shop building has been sold (see announcements for more details). We are looking for new places to host our meetings. Sheridan is in contact with Case-Halstead Library, they are unable to host in December but are willing to work with us!
6. **Work Group Reports:** We are launching our first workgroup via Zoom; we welcome everyone to come collaborate ways to reduce stigma in the community by providing events that are free to the community

and relate to recovery.

**A. Stigma Reduction Work Group – WE WILL MEET ONCE A MONTH, SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (First meeting: 12/11/25 at 3:30 pm)**

- Hosts/co-hosts events every quarter
- Love Recovery – we will co-host this event with the Recovery Shop
  - The Recovery Shop is looking for speakers for the event (1-2)
  - Will be going through supplies left from last year to see what we have/need to purchase.
  - We will start contacting organizations to sign up on Microsoft forms to get accurate count of who will attend by the beginning of December.
  - Will help with funding of banners & advertisements – Nellie to send over to me to send to the state for approval.

**B. RCO Development Work Group**

- Collaborate with folks like Tyrone Hill, Jon Magnuson, Mike Tyson, & Nellie Pascavich
- The plan is to engage with these RCO developers by the end of December

**C. Access to Community Health Work group**

- Currently looking for any and all training we can find that would strengthen the knowledge and skills of providers, people with lived experience, and community organizations
  - For example, SMART Facilitator Training
  - Any other ideas for trainings?

**7. Additional Information/Announcements:**

- A. Stephanie and Nellie are super excited about the new Shop in Marion County. This building was donated free of charge by the owner of Home Center. They can recreate the space with paint, and flooring and were provided furnishings from the owner and Tables/Chairs and Brochure Stands from TAC. The plan for this center still includes recovery meetings and events and they are excited to collaborate with Homeless Shelter “All Hours of Love” and organization “Hands and Feet” Although the primary focus will be on Marion County, they still plan to do some things in Clinton County and TAC will be super excited to help when needed. They hope to boost the YouTube channel and Facebook page once they establish NEW NAME for the center. STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!

- B. Jessica Palazzolo shared a training hosted by Lincoln Prairie with us happening Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (see flyer to right)



The next meeting will be Tues. December 16th, 2025, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., in person at 511 9<sup>th</sup> 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.***