



Perry/Jackson ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

10/15/25 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen- ROSC Coordinator, CPRS, Take Action Today
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Kelsey Driskell- PRS, Jackson County Drug Court Advocate TAT
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Quiana Jackson- Grant Writer & Outreach, CHESI qjackson@chesi.org

Logan White- Community Outreach Coordinator, Marshmallow's Hope
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Jaz Karz- Mental Health Advocate, Carbondale Police Dept jkarz@carbondaleil.gov

Sherry Smedshammer – Crisis Resource Developer, Centerstone
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Jessyca Mormino- Family Peer Support Specialist, Marshmallow's Hope
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Torie Patton- Harm Reduction Specialist, TAT CPRS toriep@takeactiontoday.net

Tess Drazdowski- Research Scientist, Chestnut tkdrazdowski@chestnut.org

Justin Miller- CPRS, Take Action Today; Pastor, Ezra Church of God
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Cali Thomas- Rural Outreach Specialist Clinician, RCORP
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Mike Tyson- Board of Directors, West Frankfort Coalition for the Homeless
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Amber Mulkins-

Welcome and Introductions- Everyone then introduced themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS PJRC!!! WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FY26 ROSC GRANT!!!

- Next month, 11/19/25 @ 1:00 pm will be our official FY26 Kick-off meeting

Approval of 9/17/25 Meeting Minutes

1st Motion to approve- Shara Bloodworth

2nd motion to approve- Sherry Smedhammer

Presentation

Quiana Jackson- CHESI, Community Health Emergency Services Incorporated

- CHESI is a FQHC and was founded in 1981.
- Their goal is to provide healthcare services in the rural, underserved populations.
- They have 9 clinics over 7 counties in Southern Illinois: Alexander, Jackson, Hardin, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, and White counties.
- They provide primary health, dental, and behavioral health services.
- They serve adults and children.
- Behavioral health includes: clinical counseling, children psychiatry (ages 5-17), Medicated Assisted Recovery and prevention services for alcohol and substance use.

If you have any questions, or would like to see how they could partner you're your agency please contact Quiana @ qjackson@chesi.org

For services, please call 1-855-692-4374 or visit chesi.org

Discussion

Michelle Buckley discussed the recent events at the Marion Oxford House.

- Everyone who was using substances has been removed or arrested.
- Looking for ways to help Oxford House reduce the stigma that has been attached and now has grown towards the Oxford House.
- They are wanting the community to see that Oxford House model does work and support those inside the home in their communities.
- Several people agreed that a Town Hall and Open House were both good ideas.
- Michelle will be reaching out to those interested in helping to get something moving forward.

Tess Drazdowski updated us on the Launch Program she previously presented during a FWRC meeting during FY25.

- They have enrolled 8 families so far. Their goal is to have 48 families.
- They are looking for young adults who are struggling with substance use.
- They are still looking for families to participate.
- All services are free of charge, and the children and caregivers are compensated with gift cards.
- They have partnered with Take Action Today and would like to build more partnerships.
- There is no waitlist right now. They have openings until the end of the year.
- They also provide free training for family support and peer support.
- If your agency is interested in finding out more, please contact Tess D.
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To access previous meeting minutes or review our council's plans and deliverables, please visit:

<https://www.govst.edu/Recovery-Support/Southern-IL-ROSC/JPRC-ROSC-Council/>

Next Meeting: 11/19/25 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Only

<https://zoom.us/j/92445073407pwd=RkRCV2NWR05jVVhENzdqRDdJR0w1QT09>