



MERC Meeting Summary

Oct 16th, 2025

Attendees:

- Alex Schneider -HSHS
- Angella Holoway -CHS /SCC ROSC
- Beverly Holland -CHS/Statewide ROSC
- Carrie Mckenzie-Gateway Foundation
- Cora Hughs -Community /Faith
- Daniel Hutchison- CHS Director of Community Health
- Deb Humphry-Madison County Mental Health Board
- Dustin Percy- Oxford House
- Johanna Gonzalez- DBHR
- Jennifer Schultz- Centerstone
- Joe Jackson-St. Clair County Mental Health Board
- Kara Wardein- CHS
- Kathy Kehrer- CHS/CCE
- Katie Wilson-CHS/ROSC
- Kristen Anderson- CHS-Community Outreach
- Lindsey McCoy-Amare nfp
- Linzey Clark-Community PLE
- Mark Knott- CHS-MERC Madison County ROSC
- Mike Luther- CHS- OEND/DOPP
- Monique Brunious- CHS Bond/Clinton County ROSC's
- Paul Fischer- Porch Light Collective SAP
- Patrick Small- HSHS
- Robyn Robinson-CBHC
- Tawana Howard -St. Clair Cnty Health Dept
- Tisha Lancaster- DCFS
- Tracy Dones-CHS

Business

Meeting was opened with introductions for new and reoccurring members of the council

Meeting members were able to go over upcoming events taking place this weekend and in the upcoming weeks

- ~ Highland Health Fair 10/29/25 Contact Patrick Smalls at HSHS -Patrick Small <patrick.small@hshs.org>

- ~ discussed Wednesday meeting at SoulcialKitchen in Belleville, IL and what they provide. (Mark to get more info to share with group about the mission of Soulcialkitchen.)

- ~ Saturday Oct 18th Out of the Darkness Walk, AFSP in Belleville. And additional AFPS out of the darkness walks.

The attending council was presented with the new survey we will be distributing and asking council to start looking where we can distribute the survey to gain the valuable information needed for the community

- ~ Mark discussed with group about survey for Madison County. Asking group if they want to have the QR code flyers or the printed copies to fill out and distribute. Please help us this survey is IMPORTANT!

- ~ Subcommittees; Stigma, community awareness & community access to services. Asking for volunteers to help with these groups. Thank You

Brainstorm for how we can distribute information out to the communities on how to find and receive treatment for SUD and Mental Health treatment & MAR.

Sub committees will meet via zoom for an hour.

- ~ If any group members that have events or flyers they want us to send via emails.

- ~ Dan asked about updates on how the distribution of the surveys. (Mark stated that we have been in a few food pantries, as well as making contact with Collages).

Here are some links and the flyers will be attached for upcoming events

At the Edwardsville Library there are monthly Stigma conversations along with Narcan demonstrations which will continue to be held on the 21st at 6pm, check the library Facebook page schedule. A link to the Facebook back can be found on their website: [Home | Edwardsville Public Library](#)

MERC Upcoming Zoom Meeting

Nov 20th 2025, at 9am

Metro East Recovery Council (MERC) Vision:

A community system that nurtures and supports individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery for themselves or a loved one.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Mission:

Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery.