



Perry/Jackson ROSC Council
FY26 KICK-OFF Meeting Minutes
11/19/25 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen- ROSC Coordinator, CPRS, Take Action Today
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Michelle Buckley- Outreach Worker, Oxford House Inc.
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Sherry Smedshammer – Crisis Resource Developer, Centerstone
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Torie Patton- Harm Reduction Specialist, TAT CPRS toriep@takeactiontoday.net

Beverly Holland- TA Statewide ROSC, Chestnut bgholland@chestnut.org

Amber Mulkins- Arrowleaf amber.mulkins@myarrowleaf.org

Christina Castillo- Program Coordinator, MAR NOW, SIU School of Medicine
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Welcome and Introductions- Everyone then introduced themselves.

Mandy announced that there is a “Feeding the Community” event happening uptown at the same time so a lot of our community partners are in attendance with making that happen!

CONGRATULATIONS PJRC!!! KICK-OFF MEETING!!!

Discussion

The council went over and discussed the FY26 Deliverables

- FY26 Community Survey Template due 11/30/26
- FY26 Quarterly Reports due quarterly
- FY26 Community Resource List due 1/30/26
- FY26 Strategic Plan and Community Survey Raw Data due 03/30/26
- FY26 Impact Report due 7/15/26

Christina would like to see the survey and recommended also making it available in Spanish.

We will be using google docs for the new survey and once it is approved by DBHR we will get it circulated. THIS SURVEY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COUNCIL GOALS!

- Can we implement a strategic planning committee? We will revisit at the next meeting.

Mandy will be dedicating most of her time to PJRC and really evaluating the ROSC council and adjusting the council goals to fit the needs strictly of Perry/Jackson Counties.

Michelle Buckley updated us on the accountability standards they have placed within the Marion Oxford House and how they will continue to implement these standards throughout the program structure.

- If you would like to be a part of the Williamson County Town Hall planning please reach out to Michelle, michelle.buckley@oxfordhouse.org
- Michelle will be reaching out to those interested in helping to get something moving forward.

They are still planning on opening a women’s home in Carbondale by the beginning of the new year!

Oxford is going into Gateway in Carbondale now, to both men and women’s residential, to present on Oxford transitional housing to obtain referrals.

Mandy stated how important it is for ALL of our recovery service agencies to come together for the Town Hall.

Mandy met with Quiana from CHESI and will be connecting with them to bridge gaps between participants and their healthcare needs.

IMPORTANT: HOW CAN ALL UTILIZE ANOTHER'S SERVICES?

- This will be our main goal as we move forward during FY26!

Carbondale Warming Center will be meeting with TAT to try to discuss upcoming crisis weather plans. (Will discuss at next meeting)

Kelsey discussed Carbondale TAT Resource center October monthly visits:

- 12 Male/Female first contact forms
- 242 total visits: 38 female/ 204 males
- 80 loads of laundry
- 141 showers
- 204 meals
- 76 received donations
- 17 people used computer services
- 12 referrals
- 13 transports
- 2 volunteers, 23 days this month

Carbondale TAT Site is looking for gloves, hats, hand warmers, razors, personal hygiene items. If you have any donations, please drop them off at 809 W. Main St. Carbondale or contact Kelsey, kelsey@takeactiontoday.net

Torie Patton updated the council on the Harm Reduction program October numbers:

- 944 units of Narcan distributed
- 24 fentanyl test strips distributed
- 40 overdose awareness kits distributed
- 5 individuals were assisted in filling out housing applications
- 5 referrals made to community partners
- 2 new MOU's signed with community partners
- 32 individuals trained to administer Narcan
- 60 individuals were reached during outreach
- 3 new participants
- 1 participant went to residential treatment
- 1 participant went to detox

Torie trained the Rick Warren Library staff last month on how to administer Narcan and now one of our volunteers who works there has been approved by the board to partner with us and host a FREE Narcan training quarterly at the library from here on out!

- This is what we want to see, we want to see our agencies training community members to bridge the gap in those areas and help spread awareness and education while breaking down the stigma surrounding substance use, harm reduction services, and recovery!

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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: 12/17/25 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Only**

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