



## Meeting Minutes

• Date/Time/Location: 12/8/25 @ 12pm. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting

- Attendance:

- Codi Poe
- Sarah Crawford
- Kami Gleason
- Becky Shipley
- Rita Robertson
- Rachel Klocke
- Meagan McGlasson
- Nick Crnokrak
- Amanda Phelps

### **Amanda Phelps from BJC Med stabilization**

Amanda discussed the Medical Stabilization at Alton Memorial Hospital, which provides support for adults who are currently using or experiencing withdrawal symptoms from drugs or alcohol. The team of physicians and nurses will monitor and provide care for your symptoms of withdrawal, create a treatment plan for next steps, and assist with referrals and access to community resources. She is willing to assist JCH in development of a warm handoff program.

### **Discussion on Warm Handoff Implementation**

Prior to meeting with the ROSC council, Rachel, Sarah and Meaghan met regarding implementation of a warm handoff within JCH and the police departments. Rachel Klocke led a conversation about the warm handoff process, identifying police, EMS, and ERs as key target audiences. Meagan from the Illinois Recovery Center discussed her collaboration with Amanda Phelps and the challenges of ensuring resource accessibility

during emergencies. Sarah Crawford noted that while there have been prior discussions with ER physicians and stigma remains a major barrier to effective implementation.

### *Progress on Suboxone Access and EMS Initiatives*

Sarah Crawford reported significant progress in making Suboxone available at the hospital pharmacy, thanks to efforts from the ER director and Erin Hileman. Previously, patients were required to contact Mar now for prescriptions while they were in the ER, but the new approach aims to have ER doctors prescribe Suboxone directly. Additionally, EMS has implemented a Narcan leave-behind policy for patients who refuse transport after an overdose.

### **Peer Support Integration in Hospitals**

Meagan highlighted the differences in peer support integration across hospitals, mentioning that peers often engage with patients who show signs of substance use. Rachel and Sarah discussed the logistical challenges of having peers available outside regular hours and the need for stigma reduction to facilitate better collaboration with emergency services. They also considered the potential benefits of hosting training events to improve understanding and cooperation among healthcare providers. Sarah is to meet with Admin of ER and EMS this coming week and will discuss possible inservice at an upcoming monthly meeting to discuss enhancing Peer support efforts in the ER and with EMS. Amanda Phelps from BJC Med stabilization stated that residents and physicians from their program could potentially speak at it. We would consider inviting police departments too so that all are on the same page. We will keep in touch with Amanda Phelps as far as creating consents to allow for our Peers to reach out to patients as well. The deadline for the peer that is being hired through Americorps is this coming Friday. Becky and Rachel have met with potential candidates. Hoping to have an update the following month.

### **Updates on Program Deliverables and Community Events**

Both the strategic plan is due this month and survey raw data are both due on 12/30. The strategic plan has been completed and will be sent out to you all once it has been approved and tweaked if needed, as well the survey results. Some major take aways from the survey include lack of knowledge of availability of MAR in our county as well as access to the services. Awareness of harm reduction in terms of where to find them is also of concern. January is SUD treatment month, so this would be a good time to highlight on our social media page on what MAR is and how and where to access it in our community. Plans to create a location list of where to access Narcan in our

community will be made. The survey results indicate a significant level of skepticism regarding the public awareness of recovery support options within the community and that these resources are not publicized(AA, NA, MAR, Peer Support). So will continue to post about this and will create flyers to take out into community.

Community wide santa photobooth is this coming Thursday at the Jerseyville public library from 5pm to 630pm. Discussion of how to get donations for future events in terms of food for ROSC related events, and laundry events as well. Members thought of a quarter war within the schools. Nick to bring to discussion at upcoming school Admin meeting. Meaghan mentioned that IRC has funding for sponsoring events such as a ROSC related community wide event!

No updates to the community wide sharps box as of now. Nalox boxes have been installed in the schools. Sarah C. attended the Narcan training at the Library and they have their Nalox box but it has not been installed yet.

ROSC coordinator Rachel interviewed with the P3D pawdcast recently. Be sure to check out the interview on their youtube page!

A community member reached out to us regarding initiation of a Gambling anonymous group within the community. It is on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7pm at the JCH East annex building. This is exciting and hopefully the start to many different types of support groups for people in our community.