



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 4, 2025, 10:30-11:30 AM

Virtual (Zoom)

Attendees:

- **Abby Behrens**- Prevent Child Abuse IL
- **Alisa Ndorongo-Fall**- DRS
- **April Fornero**-Heartland Community College
- **Becky Ballard**-IHR
- **Claire Spires**- OSF
- **Diana Belicke**- Rosecrance
- **George Covington**- Boys and Girls Club
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **John Schneider**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Kalyn Patterson**
- **Kami Garrison**-Chestnut/TA
- **Kari Knapp**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Lauren Michalski**- Safe Journey
- **Madalyn Lane**- Livingston County Probation
- **Meg Gillete**- Livingston County Mental Health Board/Liv Commission on Children and Youth
- **Melissa Johnson**-Life Cil
- **Melissa Simmons**- DRS
- **Rhonda Looney**-IHR
- **Tia Schum**- Piatt County ROSC
- **Tim Jenkins**- Futures Unlimited
- **Zach Cinkovich**- Boys and Girls Club

FY26 Survey Results Recap

- 275 surveys were completed
 - About 73% of survey respondents lived in Livingston County, IL, with the remainder from neighboring counties including McLean (10.4%), Ford (0.7%), Woodford (0.7%), and Iroquois (0.7%).
 - Respondents spanned all age ranges, with the fewest under 18 (1.49%) and the most between 45-54.
 - Of the 275 participants, 73.23% identified as female, 24.16% as male, 0.74% as nonbinary, and 1.86% preferred not to self-identify; none identified as gender fluid.
 - Most were non-Hispanic (96.54%), and 3.46% were Hispanic or Latino. In terms of race, 95.47% identified as Caucasian/White, 2.26% as African American/Black,



1.89% as two or more races, and 0.38% as Native American, with no respondents identifying as Asian or Pacific Islander.

- Key Survey Findings Discussion
 - **Stigma Gap Across Populations**
 - Strong respect for people with mental illness (60%+ strongly agree).
 - Much lower respect for people who use drugs (27% strongly agree).
 - High neutral responses toward people who use drugs signal uncertainty and bias.
 - Indicates a need for targeted stigma-reduction efforts focused on empathy and understanding.
 - **Harm Reduction Perception Gaps**
 - Mixed views on whether harm-reduction services (e.g., NARCAN, syringe programs) reduce risk:
 - Neutral: 31%
 - Disagree: 19%
 - Strongly disagree: 6%
 - Many unsure whether harm-reduction services are accessible locally:
 - Neutral: 40%
 - Agree: 19%
 - Strongly agree: 5%
 - Points to the need for community education, increased visibility, and broader awareness of harm-reduction resources.
 - **Access and Confidence in Services**
 - Majority support increased government funding for treatment (80.3%).
 - Fewer believe care is accessible regardless of barriers like income, insurance, language, disability, identity, or citizenship:
 - Substance use care: 44% confident.
 - Mental health care: 45% confident.
 - Nearly 40% report difficulty accessing mental health and substance use services.
 - Under 35% view local treatment resources as effective.
 - Over 75% believe stigma prevents people from seeking help.
 - Highlights ongoing barriers in service delivery, effectiveness, and stigma reduction.



Strategic Planning Discussion (FY26)

- 20 Minute Breakout Rooms (3 rooms total) addressing:
 - What do we need to keep?
 - Group provided feedback that it all was still relevant and needed to be kept in the upcoming years strategic planning update
 - MOU's – work towards getting more MOU's with various agencies to engage with youth within the respective school districts
 - Reaching out to younger demographic groups/families for event engagement
 - People being reintroduced to society after incarceration, particularly for folks that are NOT on Probation – are we able to reach those people and their families so we can set them up for success?
 - Opportunity for reentry supports (something to ADD)
 - Opportunity to invite people from Parole District to ROSC meeting so they understand what resources are available in the community (Madalyn Lane will follow up with her respective contact)
 - Opportunity to engage with TASC – Becky Ballard will follow up
 - What do we need to edit/change?
 - Increasing awareness of ROSC in the community
 - Who ROSC is to the appropriate audiences
 - Under MAR services and supports, include “Vivitrol” as this is the most used form of MAR in Livingston County
 - What do we need to eliminate?
 - Outcome measures may need to better align with the impact of our goals

Agency Updates

- Tia Schum (Piatt County ROSC)
 - Piatt County still kicking strong!
 - Food drive held last month – over 6 boxes of food collected for local pantry
 - Working on some items for a parade and Christmas family event held on 12/20
- Tim Jenkins (Futures Unlimited)
 - Futures Unlimited does have a few shutdown days, but will still be open for emergency psychiatry services and community support
 - Futures is providing transportation throughout the holidays (please provide a 24 hr. notice)
- Abby Behrens (Prevent Child Abuse IL) – Save the Dates for Trainings:
 - March 19th, 2026 – Statewide Webinar with Liesl Wingert (Drug Endangered Children and Familial Trafficking)



- Planning stages of Drug Endangered Children Conference – May 12th, 2026 in Springfield, IL (all day conference) and there will be a registration fee of \$30-\$35 but breakfast and lunch will be included
- Claire Spires (OSF)
 - Met with IHR last week and will be working on improving referrals to IHR
 - Currently looking for a Psychiatric Employer to come to OSF a couple days a week (job is posted) – still actively looking!
 - Will be starting a Stroke Support Group in January (in person in Bloomington but virtual option will be available at the hospital's conference room)
- Diana Belicke (Rosecrance Behavioral Health)
 - More info can be found here: <https://www.rosecrance.org/>
 - North Central Behavioral Health is now an affiliate of Rosecrance

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026 (Date Change Due to New Year)

- Virtual ONLY via Zoom 10:30am-11:30 AM
- Subcommittees 4th Wednesday of the month at Livingston County Health Department

Upcoming Trainings:

- Visit <https://www.coalitionsupport.org/trainings> for upcoming trainings.

Virtual Resource Guide/Social Media

- Virtual Resource Guide: <https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonCountyRecovers>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livingston.county.roscl/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGU_LCzRafxtFTikOV38oDg

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Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM