



## **McLean County Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) November 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

**Time:** 3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

### **Attendees:**

1. Barb Brumleve- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean & Ford ROSC
2. Cat Hays- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean ROSC
3. Kari Knapp – Chestnut Health Systems
4. Cory Tello – McLean County Board of Health/Mid Central Community Action Board Member
5. Andrea Kindseth – Community Reintegration Advocate – LIFE Center for Independent Living
6. Melissa Simmons – Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Vocational Counselor
7. Nancy Bollegar – Allies Against Trafficking, Executive Director
8. Kami Garrison – Chestnut Health Systems, State ROSC Region 3
9. Steve Bridges – IL Joining Forces
10. Erika Hahn – OMNI Youth Services/SOR Grant, Prevention Specialist
11. Victoria (Tory) Dahmm – MedMark Treatment Center ([vdahmm@medmark.com](mailto:vdahmm@medmark.com))
12. Amy Stork – McLean County Court Services, Community Probation Coordinator
13. Zach Schimelpfenig – PATH
14. Caitlyn Clyne – Outreach Engagement Coordinator, Bloomington Public Library
15. Jacob Albers – Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery, Ogle/Dekalb ROSC Coordinator ([Jacob.albers@svvor.org](mailto:Jacob.albers@svvor.org) or 815-631- 9153)
16. Leah Naraine – OMNI Youth Services/IL Human Performance Project (<https://ilhpp.org/>)
17. Jesse Williams – Project Oz, Homeless Youth Specialist
18. Jon Strange– Community Member/PLE
19. Wendy Klinkner – Allies Against Trafficking, Co-founder Advisory Board
20. Olivia Brownlee – Home Sweet Home, Senior Manager of Shelter Operations ([obrownlee@hshministries.org](mailto:obrownlee@hshministries.org) or 309-828-7356 ext. 207)
21. Leslie Price - Birth to Five & Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
22. Emily Hartley – Brightpoint Community Services Coordinator
23. Shelley Smith – Oxford House, Re-entry Coordinator
24. Kara Hammond – McLean County Services Drug Court Officer ([kara.hammond@mcleancountyil.gov](mailto:kara.hammond@mcleancountyil.gov) or 309-888-5357)

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- 25. Jeffrey Ehrmantraut – CASA of McLean and Logan Counties
- 26. Chad Bruning – Community Member/PLE
- 27. Michael P – Community Member/PLE

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **I. Welcome & Attendance**

- a. Cat Hays welcomed everyone and asked everyone to enter their name and agency affiliation (if any) in chat and if new to this meeting please introduce yourself.

#### **II. FY26 McLean County ROSC Community Survey Progress Update**

- a. Current Responses:
  - i. **168** responses (still have written survey responses to input)
- b. Early Insights:
  - i. Reveal significant concerns about Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Support. **1 in 4** respondents expressed disagreement about availability of help.
  - ii. **Nearly 4 out of 10** survey respondents neither agree/disagree or are neutral that it is difficult to access harm reduction services in McLean County.
  - iii. **31.15%** of survey respondents agree it is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in McLean County, while 31.97% disagreed.
- c. **Council Member Community Survey Call-to-Action:**
  - i. **Please take the survey yourself**
  - ii. **Get 10 other friends/co-workers to commit to taking the survey.**



### III. **McLean ROSC FY26 Community Resource List Distribution Plan – Slido Poll**

- a. McLean ROSC FY25 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Objective B, Strategy 6: Create and distribute an up-to-date, comprehensive directory of local recovery services, mental health professionals, addiction treatment centers, support groups, and harm reduction resources; make this directory easily accessible both online and in print at local libraries, clinics, schools, and businesses
  - i. **Identify at least 10-20 locations to distribute the McLean County ROSC Community Recovery Resource Directory**
    - 1. Home Sweet Home
    - 2. The Bridge
    - 3. Eastview Christian Church (both locations)
    - 4. A New Horizon
    - 5. Churches
    - 6. Food Banks
    - 7. Schools
    - 8. Homeless liaisons
    - 9. Cedar Lake
    - 10. Thrift Stores
    - 11. Emily Hartley from Brightpoint suggested having a QR code on the guide so feedback can be provided throughout the year (new resources/old resources).
    - 12. Shelters
    - 13. Food banks
    - 14. CSL Plasma



15. Brightpoint
16. Public aid office
17. Vale Church
18. St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
19. Hucks closest to HSHM
20. Plasma centers
21. The Immigration Project
22. Walgreens on Main closest to HSHM
23. YMCA
24. Veterans Assistance Commission
25. School social workers
26. Bloomington housing authority
27. School nurse
28. Train Station
29. Home sweet home
30. Probation
31. Bloomington Public Library
32. Normal Public Library
33. Gateway
34. Chestnut
35. Salvation Army
36. Phoenix towers
37. Oasis Community Outreach - 1308 E Empire Street ,  
Bloomington
38. Department of rehab office
39. University dormitories
40. Local pharmacies/grocery stores/gas stations (QR codes)
41. Health Department (FUSE)
42. Police departments
43. LIFE CIL
44. Library
45. Birthright Center
46. Hospitals -social work depts
47. Project Oz
48. Laundromats (QR code)
49. Funeral homes
50. Milner library at Illinois state
51. McLean County Health Department

#### **IV. Strategic Planning Goals: Small Group Discussion Breakout**

- a. *What work is already being done in this area?*
- b. *Who should we as a ROSC Council be partnering with to do this work?*



- i. **Reducing Stigma:** The McLean County ROSC is working to specifically address co-occurring substance use and mental health disorder stigma through community education initiatives (i.e. community training offerings and social media posts) to increase community knowledge of co-occurring disorders.
  1. Home Sweet Home
  2. Salvation Army
  3. Project Oz
  4. Churches
  5. State Offices
  6. Libraries
  7. Create a Stigma Campaign: Identify locations to display a sticker or sign to show that this location does NOT tolerate stigma. When you see “these colors and this logo” you know this is a safe location (similar to the LGBTQ+ stickers around town).
    - a. Uptown and Downtown Businesses
    - b. Partner with Universities (Heartland, ISU and Wesleyan)
    - c. Greek Life
    - d. Sport programs
    - e. Liquor Stores
    - f. Smoke shops
  8. High schools – Currently have great prevention programs but need to know where to go for resources. You never know what is going on at home. Families need resources.
- ii. **Promoting Harm Reduction:** The McLean County ROSC is working to specifically address insufficient access to harm reduction resources within McLean County through collaborations with community partners to increase harm reduction resources and initiatives within the community (i.e. Narcan administration training and distribution of Narcan).
  1. Vending machines throughout the community
  2. Promote that MCHD and Chestnut has Narcan®
  3. Salvation Army
  4. Home Sweet Home
  5. Jolt
  6. Fuse
  7. God’s Mission Ministry
  8. Community Care Center
  9. Lions Clubs
  10. Libraries



11. College campuses
12. ISU through Health Services
13. ISU PD
14. Hospitals/ERS/EMTs
15. Food Banks
16. Government offices
17. Police Departments
18. Townships
19. Project OZ
20. ROE
21. Re-Entry Council
22. Western Ave
23. Immigration Project

iii. **Ensuring Effective Service Delivery:** McLean County ROSC is working to specifically address the issue of increasing access to recovery support resources and treatment through formalized partnerships with community partners, organizations, agencies, and businesses, established through a mutual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

1. Center for Human Services
2. Chestnut Health Systems
3. Health Department
4. Heartland CRCC – Peer Recovery Services
5. Create a Resource Guide for online services
6. Youth Programming for substance use/misuse
7. Home Sweet Home – The Bridge – Bringing supportive services offering 3 office spaces every day for service providers to come in and offer supportive services. If you need office space, please reach out to Olivia Brownlee at 309.828.-7356 ext. 207. There will also be a Clubhouse for Community Events.

## V. Agency & Community Updates

a. *What events are upcoming for your organization/agency?*

- i. **Nancy Bollegar** shared **The Allies Against Trafficking** will be presenting a training to the ISU College Republican Group, Thursday, November 20th. Nancy also shared that the Allies, Liesl Wingert of SIU, ROSC and Chestnut will be offering an **in-person training on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** with more information to come as plans are solidified.
- ii. **Olivia Brownlee** is the Senior Manager of Shelter Operations at **Home Sweet Home**. Her role is to oversee daily operations at our congregate shelter and help guide program development for The



Bridge. The Bridge is our new lower-barrier, non-congregate shelter designed to reduce barriers to safety, stability, and support. At the Bridge, we will have dedicated office and meeting spaces for community partners. Our goal is to bring in staff from outside agencies who can support residents with recovery services, housing navigation, mental health care, financial education, and other resources that promote long-term stability. If you or your organization are interested in providing on-site services or collaborating with us, please feel free to reach out (309.828.7356 ext. 207 or [obrownlee@hshministries.org](mailto:obrownlee@hshministries.org)).

- iii. **Erika Hahn from OMNI** shared a training with Dr. Drew Ramsay on nutrition and mental health training (<https://ilhpp.org/events/nourishing-the-modern-brain-the-food-and-mood-connection>). Also, there is a great webinar with Sara Wright (<https://ilhpp.org/events/fueling-athletes-brains-and-bodies-a-deep-dive-into-sports-performance-rec>).
- iv. **Tory Dahmm of MedMark Treatment Center** shared her email if anyone has any questions about MedMark ([vdahmm@medmark.com](mailto:vdahmm@medmark.com)).
- v. **Zach Schimelpfenig of PATH** shared they are taking cold weather donations.
- vi. **Project Oz** shared it is Hope Month and to please light up your businesses green on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- vii. **Randi Derrig of Chestnut Health Systems** shared that Chestnut in Bloomington has several inpatient substance use residential beds available for both males and females right now! If you know of someone interested in a bed, they can do a walk in assessment or call 999.924.3786 to schedule an assessment time. We do not do medically monitored detoxes, but we partner closely with Carle BroMenn for these services. If people have questions or would like more information about Chestnut services, they can reach Randi Derrig at [rwderriig@chestnut.org](mailto:rwderriig@chestnut.org).
- viii. **Steve Bridges** shared he is the Central Illinois Outreach Coordinator for Illinois Joining Forces and can be reached at 217.610.0547.

## VI. McLean ROSC Updates & Successes

- a. Recap of Recent Outreach Events
  - i. **The Behavioral Health Forum** was a success!! Thank you to **Drug Court Volunteers** – YOU helped to make this a success!
  - ii. The McLean County ROSC joined in with other McLean County resources to come together to provide care and resources for our



unhoused neighbors and friends at the **Unhoused Care Fair**.



**b. Planning Committee Update**

**i. Next meeting**

1. December 2025 (date to be determined) @ Bloomington Public Library

- ii. For more details or if interested in joining, please contact Cindy Alcazar via email: [Cindy.Alcazar@heartland.edu](mailto:Cindy.Alcazar@heartland.edu)

**VII. Next Meeting – December 2025**

- a. Tuesday, December 16, 2025
- b. 3:30-4:30 pm virtual via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/96709486019>)

**VIII. Contact Info**

- a. Kari Knapp, Associate Director of Community Health – [kmknapp@chestnut.org](mailto:kmknapp@chestnut.org)
- b. Cat Hays, Community Health Specialist for Recovery Supports – [cmhays@chestnut.org](mailto:cmhays@chestnut.org)
- c. Barb Brumleve, Community Health Specialist – [bdbrumleve@chestnut.org](mailto:bdbrumleve@chestnut.org)
- d. McLean County ROSC Team – [McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com](mailto:McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com)