



Perry/Jackson ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

12/17/25 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen- ROSC Coordinator, CPRS, Take Action Today
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Laterriea Martin- Mental Health Advocate, Carbondale Police Department
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Carrie Eldridge- Jackson County Health Department carrie@jchdonline.org

Teneshkia Wright- Carbondale Warming Center wrightdorad@gmail.com

Welcome and Introductions- Everyone then introduced themselves.

Discussion

FY26 Community Survey was approved!!! (Flyer attached)

- Survey Goal: 100 respondents
- Approach to reach respondents: Flyer with QR Code, paper copies at our agency locations for participants/clients, sponsored ad on Facebook, Spanish version (contact Christina Costillo for Spanish version and pass around SIU)
- Utilize Carbondale Warming Center, Gateway, Centerstone, CPD, TASC, Jackson County Health Dept., everyone will share the flyer!
- Survey time frame: Strategic plan and survey raw data due March 30th- Close it 2/28/26

FY26 Strategic Plan

- We will utilize the raw data to update the PJRC Strategic Plan due March 30th
- Please review the FY25 Strategic Plan and think of updates that we could use as a council to better serve our communities that we will discuss at the upcoming meetings. * This is OUR council and OUR communities!

Illinois Youth Survey (IYS)

- Registration for the 2026 Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) is open, and surveying will take place from January through May.
- It's one of the most critical tools we have for understanding the experiences, behaviors, and needs of Illinois youth- and for translating that understanding into effective, data-informed action at both the local and state levels. But the value of this data depends on one key factor: participation.
- The more schools that participate, the more accurate and useful the data becomes—not just at the state level, but in each community.
- Link for educators and schools to register: <https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/>
 - o PJRC and JCHD will collaborate on coming up ways that we can help spread awareness of the importance of the IYS and how we can get involved in getting our schools to participate.
 - o This would be a great idea to add to our strategic plan- Implementation of getting the Perry/Jackson school districts to participate.

Program/ Agency Updates

Teneshkia Wright, Carbondale Warming Center

- They are open Friday- Monday 8pm-8am.
- They have several individuals still staying outside because they do not want the services to be offered.
- They have found some needles, so they know they know some are struggling with substance use but the majority of what they are seeing is mental health.
 - o Jackson County Health Dept provides sharps containers and disposal free of charge! Also, they have FREE Narcan available for distribution!
 - o Mandy encouraged strong collaboration between our council and the agencies represented because TAT can offer Peer Support Services for those struggling with substance use, Centerstone and CPD can help with mental health and other resources, the Health Dept can help with implementation of things needed to help relieve some of the stress of the CWC. We are all in this together so let's start showing up and helping those that do want help and helping our community partners, none of us should be tackling the struggles of our communities alone!
 - o It must start with us calling on our community partners to utilize the resources they provide and hopefully we can start seeing what we are doing together.

Laterriea Martin, Carbondale PD

- They are seeing anywhere from 3-10 individuals in the lobby.
- These individuals usually cannot utilize other community resources due to their specific situations.
- They have been working with Gateway, Adult Protective Services, Housing, and The Coalition for the Homeless helping those depending on them.

Torie Patton, Take Action Today

- Rick Warren Community Library will be offering FREE Narcan training quarterly. (Flyer attached)
 - o Elaina Holland will be the instructor, and she will be working with TAT to supply the Narcan and any educational information she needs.
 - o All libraries in the state of Illinois have to have Narcan and at least one staff member trained to use Narcan starting January 1st- if anyone knows a library that needs Narcan or free training please reach out to Toriep@takeactiontoday.net
 - o Jackson County Health Department also does free Narcan training and Narcan distribution so maybe there could be some collaboration efforts between TAT and JCHD.

Michelle Buckley, Oxford House

- There will be a women's Oxford House opening soon in Carbondale!
- If you have referrals please reach out to Michelle Buckley (618) 975-3066, she will be starting interviews in January!

Special note: If you are interested in getting involved with the unhoused conversations happening in Carbondale, please show up January 21st @ 5PM at the First Christian Church located at 306 W. Monroe St. Carbondale, IL

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: 1/21/26 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Only

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