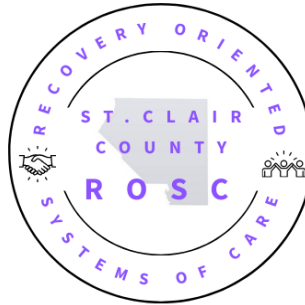


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Monthly Council Meeting

- Date: 12/19/2025
- Time: 10am-11am
- Location: **Hybrid, BV office, conference room 158**, 12 N 64th Street, 62221 and **Teams**, Join the meeting now
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Attendees

- Lead ROSC Agency
 - Angella Holloway
 - Conswala Jones
- Statewide ROSC
 - N/A
- Members: **Via Teams**
 - Monique Brunious, Bond/Clinton Co ROSC
 - Paul Fischer, Porchlight Collective SAP
 - Jen Nagel-Fischer, Porchlight Collective SAP
 - Dusty Hanner, Chestnut Health Systems, OEND team
 - Tawana Howard-St. Clair Co Health Dept.
 - Cora Hughes, MERC board member
 - Joe Jackson-St. Clair Co Mental Health Board
 - Sheridan Jordan, Take Action Coalition, Clinton Co ROSC
 - Mark Knott, Mad Co ROSC
 - Mike Luther, OEND/CHS
 - Greg Norkus- St Clair Co Probation
 - Toni Randall, Bond Co ROSC
 - Daryl Rice, Comprehensive Behavioral Health
 - Marva Rucker, Urban League, Save our Sons + Sisters
 - Michele Wasser, Gateway Foundation
- Members: **Via In-Person, BV office**
 - Carson Conn, Amare NFP
 - Tracy Dones, Chestnut Health Systems
 - Megan Hall, Violence Prevention Center
 - Tyrone Hill, Amare NFP
 - Ebonye Hudson, TASC Inc.
 - Kathy Kehrer, Chestnut CCE Faith & Recovery

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- P.D. Van Klaveren, Fifth Street Renaissance
- Sheena Langhauser, BJC Healthcare, Memorial
- Ashley Ramos, Gateway Foundation
- Amanda Taul, TASC Inc.
- Guests/Visitors:
 - Tagotta Whitley-Baker, Gateway Foundation (*In-person*)
 - Jennifer Barbour, Sparta Community Hospital (*via Teams*)
 - Lola Coleman, Community friend (*In-person*)
 - Chris Fulton, AgeSmart (*In-person*)
 - Chadene Gillespie, Gateway Foundation (*In-person*)
 - Joann Guthrie-MERS/Goodwill (*In-person*)
 - Beth Hayden-Bethany Christian Services (*via Teams*)
 - Frederick James, Our Brother's Keeper (*In-person*)
 - Julian Mathews, Gateway Foundation (*In-person*)
 - Paige Morris-Bethany Christian Services (*via Teams*)
 - Teresa Pickrel, Fifth Street Renaissance (*In-person*)
 - Greg Santoni, TASC Inc., Deflection Supervisor (*In-person*)
 - Toni Spivey, Gateway SORS (*In-person*)
 - Chris Stanford, TASC Inc., Deflection team (*In-person*)
 - Ralph Shank, Fifth Street Renaissance (*In-person*)
 - Dawn-Davis Stellwag, O'Fallon Police Dept. (*via Teams*)

Agenda Items/Next Steps:

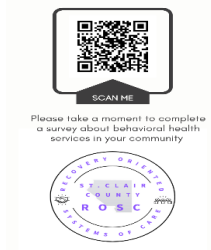
1. **Sign-in/Welcome:** Angella and Conswala welcomed council members and community partners to the ROSC council meeting via CHS-BV conference room 158 and Teams. Angella posed a question during introductions for an end-of-the-year icebreaker, "Favorite Christmas/holiday song." In addition, the ROSC introduced the speakers, Will Sullivan, Recovery Dharma, and PD Van Klavern, Fifth Street Renaissance.
2. **ROSC updates, i.e., Community Survey, ACTION Teams and Strategic Plan:**
Community Survey: Angella provided an update of survey data/responses collected. To date (as of 12/15), **552** surveys reported for the St. Clair Co- area. The ROSC team stated to council/community partners that we would like to continue to obtain as many responses as possible, so reminders will follow the meeting until closing dates, i.e., paper copies on Dec 19th, QR flyer/link-Dec 22nd. Once data has been entered, the ROSC will send an update, detailing the information collected and how we can continue working together, improving community awareness.

Community Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VVJVL3J>

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Community QR Flyer:



ROSC ACTION Teams: The ROSC team and ACTION committee scheduled the 2nd meeting via Teams, on 12/11 at 2pm, to discuss how work aligns with Strategic plan, scheduling communication, 5/14 members attended, 4 members are no longer available to participate; sent email to check availability/participation for (3) community agencies. Angella continues to seek (3) additional members for the PLE team. *Next meeting date for groups- Jan 2026.*

Team 1: To increase awareness to access behavioral health/recovery support.

1. Megan Hall, VPC
2. Charlie Prakit, Gateway Foundation
3. Madeline Graham, BirthtoFive IL
4. Kirsten Peterson, Our Brother's Keeper
5. Ryan Malloy, TASC Inc

Team 2: Reducing stigma and promoting harm reduction services.

1. PD Van Klavern, Fifth Street Renaissance
2. Mike Luther-Chestnut Health Systems
3. Tyrone Hill-Amare NFP
4. Dustin Percy, Oxford House, Inc
5. Cora Hughes, United Congregational; MERC council

Peer Advisory Council/PLE: Work with both groups for support/additional feedback from community and resources.

1. Jan Nagel-Fischer- The Porchlight Collective SAP
2. Paul Fischer- The Porchlight Collective SAP
3. Amber Clayborne, Keregende Foundation
4. Tina Robinson, Chestnut Health Systems

Strategic Plan: St. Clair Co ROSC team discussed plan, i.e., goals, outcomes. Once guide has been approved, the ROSC team will notify the committee/community partners of use on FB page and website to gain access/for community use. Specified to group that guide is a working document and if edits/updates are needed, to send feedback to Angella, Dan or Conswala for changes.

3. What's new in St. Clair/Madison County: Speaker, via Teams: Recovery Dharma, Will Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan provided a brief overview of the program and areas supports are provided, i.e., Collinsville, Fairview Heights and Swansea. The following benefits were discussed and outlined in the pamphlet provided to council during meeting; see attached.

- Rooted in Buddhist wisdom
- Focus on mindfulness and meditation
- Addresses craving at the root

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- Trauma-informed and Compassionate
- Applies to all forms of addiction

4. **Speaker:** Fifth Street Renaissance, PD Van Klaveren

During this presentation, P.D. Van Klaveren provided an overview of Fifth Street Renaissance's Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Support (CORS) outreach work serving Metro East St. Louis and nine counties in Southwestern Illinois. The presentation emphasized a no-barrier, field-based model of care designed to reach individuals experiencing opioid use disorder (OUD), substance use disorder (SUD), co-occurring mental health conditions, and chronic homelessness.

The presentation highlighted that services are delivered primarily in the field, including encampments, abandoned buildings, wooded and rural areas, and other non-traditional settings where individuals are living. Outreach strategies are tailored to each county's geography, available resources, transportation barriers, and local ordinances, allowing for effective engagement across urban, suburban, and deeply rural communities.

Mr. Van Klaveren described a multi-layered service model that includes traditional harm reduction, comprehensive harm reduction, individual peer support, recovery support, justice-system navigation, identification assistance, family support, and resource equity coordination. The presentation emphasized that Fifth Street Renaissance does not require sobriety, abstinence, or treatment enrollment as a condition of service, allowing engagement with individuals who are often excluded from traditional systems of care.

Key harm reduction strategies discussed included syringe services, safer use supplies, naloxone distribution, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, hydration and nutrition support, hygiene and wound care, and cold-weather survival resources. Special attention was given to the Winter Tent Initiative, which focuses on distributing tents, blankets, coats, and other winter gear, with boots identified as the most critical and difficult resource to secure.

The presentation underscored the role of hydration and basic needs as life-saving interventions, noting that approximately 1,500 bottles of water were distributed in the previous month alone. Harm reduction was framed as a comprehensive public health strategy that addresses not only substance use, but also exposure, hunger, trauma, and instability.

Additional topics included identification recovery and justice-system navigation, which are essential for accessing housing, employment, medical care, and benefits. Mr. Van Klaveren also described family support efforts, including locating individuals lost to homelessness and addiction and serving as intermediaries for families seeking to support unhoused loved ones while maintaining safety and autonomy.

The presentation provided a snapshot of program scale under the CORS grant, reporting approximately 400 active clients served, 18 encampments supported across multiple

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counties, and extensive rural outreach where services are limited or unavailable. Collaboration with hospitals, food banks, shelters, treatment providers, faith-based institutions, and Metro St. Louis partners was emphasized as essential to improving regional equity in resource allocation between Metro St. Louis and Metro East communities. Finally, Mr. Van Klaveren addressed stigma related to homelessness, SUD/OD, and harm reduction, emphasizing education as a critical component of effective systems of care. The session concluded with an invitation for continued partnership, resource sharing, and workforce engagement to strengthen comprehensive, no-barrier outreach efforts throughout the region.

5. **Q/A and sharing resources:** Multiple community agencies and PD/Fifth Street team members further discussed upcoming events, employment opportunities, exchanged contact information, resources, and ways to refer, for further collaboration and networking, i.e., Age-Smart, Amare, BJC Healthcare-Memorial, Gateway Foundation, Our Brother's Keeper, Urban League-Save our Sons + Sisters, Violence Prevention Center. The group shared current efforts to increase social awareness, recovery support, engaging in diverse communities and accessing resources.

6. **Closing holiday remarks, program folders, next steps:**

Reminded council the importance of being kind to each other and community daily/during holiday season. Provided stories of unhoused individuals in area, who welcomed kindness/gifts, however, seemed hesitant to transition into recovery support during initial conversation. Discussed how to encourage and lend/offer a helping hand when needed.

The ROSC team provided members with program folders (purple w/logo), including community resources. Encouraged council to communicate efforts and ways to engage community/partners- contact team for collaboration/networking opportunities.

Due to end time, we thanked the virtual members for attending and assured them that we would follow-up with meeting minutes, but they were free to log off if needed; In-person council members were encouraged to network, share resources and exchange contact information to follow up for continued collaboration, next steps, and increase community awareness.

Final thoughts:

Next council meeting scheduled for **January 21st**; In person (BV-CHS conference rm 158) or via Teams! We will continue to update the committee on program changes as we continue to grow.

Thank you for attending and staying engaged!

Mission: "Build and empower recovery ready communities"

Vision: "A community working together to embrace recovery and connecting with those who seek it."