

Perry/Jackson ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

1/21/26 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)



Attendees:

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Welcome and Introductions

- Mandy Hagan announced that Jessica Marczewski will assume the role of PJRC coordinator effective January 30.
- Mandy also shared that she will be departing Take Action Today on Jan 30.
- Introductions were then made.

Team Updates and Training Planning

- **Narcan Training:**
 - An upcoming Narcan training is scheduled at the Elkhaville Public Library.
- **Temporary Leadership Transition:**
 - Torie announced she will be undergoing surgery.
 - Valerie Stewart was introduced as her temporary replacement. Valerie shared her background as a Peer Recovery Specialist and outlined her role during Torie's absence.

Healing Illinois Grant and Community Initiatives

- Take Action Today announced they were a receipt of a Healing Illinois grant.
- February 18th and March 18th PJRC meetings will be held hybrid via zoom and in person at 809 west main st Take Action Today Carbondale Resource Center.
 - Grant funds will provide food for ROSC meetings.
 - Funds will support a community dialogue focused on homelessness and marginalized populations in Jackson County.
- Take Action Today is exploring extended evening hours at its resource center to address gaps in warming center services.
- Partnership announced with the Carbondale Warming Center for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk.

Carbondale Warming Center Partnership Updates

- The Coldest Night of the Year walk-a-thon will raise funds and help bridge service gaps.
 - The FY26 Community Survey was introduced:
 - Goal: 100 responses.
 - Flyers with QR codes will be distributed at churches, workplaces, and community locations.
 - Paper copies will be available if needed.
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PJRC Strategic Plan Update

- The group discussed the need to update the FY25 Strategic Plan.
- Sherry Smedshammer agreed to lead the update process and schedule a meeting in early February.
- Emphasis was placed on including diverse voices from Perry and Jackson Counties.
- Potential collaboration with Healing Hands and hosting focus groups was discussed.
- Sharing the strategic plan via email was recommended to encourage broader input.
- Johanna offered support to Jessica in her new coordinator role.

FindHelpSI: Community Resource Platform

- Angie Bailey introduced FindHelpSI, a new online platform for locating community resources in Southern Illinois.

- The platform replaces outdated paper resource guides and allows agencies to:
 - Claim and update organizational profiles
 - Customize service tags
 - Support data collection and reporting
 - Participants expressed interest in the tool's potential expansion statewide.
 - Agencies were encouraged to claim their listings to keep information current.
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Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Interfaith Council Homeless Discussion- 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: 2/18/26 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Only**

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