



Meeting Title: Grundy County ROSC Council Meeting (Hybrid)

Date: January 27, 2026

Location: Kankakee Community College (100 College Dr. Kankakee, IL. 60901)

Facilitator: Neesha Stringfellow

Attendees In-Person: Kate Drayton (Illinois Over Dose Response); Robert Venable (Trinity Services); Molly Weindorf (Trinity Services); Hailey Czarnowski (Trinity Services); Paul Hempel (Recovery Community Center of Joliet); Kim Cunningham (Kankakee Forgives); Rev. Eugene Edwards (Duane Dean BHC The CREW); Jason Moss (HERO); Neesha Stringfellow (HLM); Tarcia Leak (HLM); Magdalena Campos (HLM); Celeste Fonseca (HLM)

Virtual: Blake Worman (Dupage ROSC); Adrian Fuchs (Morris Hospital); Antonella Manzella (North Central Behavioral Health Services); Danielle Heffernan (Serenity House); Ben Rudolph (ROSC Region 2 technical assist.); Diana Belicke (Rosecrance Behavioral Health); Tanya Reid (Soundminds); Kira Ebert (Chief of Staff for State Representative Jason R. Bunting); Officer PJ Johnson III (DV Advocate); Yolanda Livingston; Len Cooper; Pastor Shawntaleia Smith

Status Report on items pending from last meeting: N/A

Who	Task	Status
HLM	Email Kate Drayton's Presentation	Email EOD 2/3/26

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Welcome & Presentation by Kate Drayton, MPH, BSW
Public Health Analyst with Illinois Overdose Response Strategy

Overview/Notes

- **Overview of ROSC Meetings and Guest Speaker Introduction:** Neesha explains the structure of the Grundy County Council meetings, held virtually monthly and hybrid quarterly. Emphasizes the importance of attending meetings to collaborate and network. Then, introduces Kate Drayton, an Illinois public health analyst with the CDC Foundation for overdose response strategy, a trauma-informed bridge between public health, public safety, and individuals with lived experience, as the guest speaker.
- **Kate Drayton's Presentation on Overdose Response Strategy:** Kate begins her presentation by expressing the need for ROSC meetings to boost morale and highlight the life-saving work being done. Describes her role in connecting public health, public safety, and individuals with lived experience to address overdose. Emphasizes the

importance of partnerships and the role of HLM Recovery 180 as a connector and support system.

- ***Handle With Care Initiative and Overdose Fatality Reviews:*** Introduces the Handle With Care initiative, which supports children who have experienced trauma by notifying schools and other relevant parties. Discusses the importance of overdose fatality reviews to improve community systems and support families who have lost loved ones to overdose. Emphasizes the need for trained mental health professionals and peer recovery support specialists to conduct these reviews sensitively. Introduces the concept of deflection and diversion to help individuals who are willing to seek recovery without punishing them.
- ***Overdose Outreach and Naloxone Distribution:*** Kate discusses the importance of overdose outreach, including connecting with churches, harm reduction coalitions, and nonprofits. Highlights the effectiveness of Naloxone vending machines and leave-behind programs to distribute life-saving tools. Introduces the OD Map, a data tracker that helps identify overdose hotspots and improve targeted responses. Emphasizes the importance of evidence-informed decisions and the role of data in securing resources and funding.
- ***Community Engagement and Data Collection:*** Kate encourages community engagement and the collection of data to improve targeted responses and support systems. The importance of language access and cultural sensitivity in community outreach and Introduces the Illinois Prevention Summit and the role of HLM Recovery 180 in supporting community engagement and prevention efforts. Emphasizes the importance of data in making informed decisions and securing resources for community support.
- ***Participant Feedback and Success Stories:*** Blake Worman highlights the importance of metrics in focusing support and the effectiveness of the Handle With Care initiative. Ben Rudolph suggests the need for mapping tools to identify sensitive areas or schools that need more care. Kate agrees and emphasizes the importance of real-time response to overdose clusters.
- ***Closing Remarks and Next Steps:*** Kate thanks the participants for their contributions and emphasizes the importance of partnerships in addressing overdose. Neesha Stringfellow thanks Kate Drayton for her insights and encourages participants to stay connected and engaged.