



# TAC Take Action Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

### February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1. Attendance: Cheyney Evans, Sheridan Jordan, Conswala Jones, Beverly Holland, Angella Holloway, Alex Schneider, Carrie McKinzie, Dawn Steward, Elena Xiong, Heather Creasy, Jax Blackburn, Mandy Ocepek, Meagan McGlasson, Phyllis Babrove, Dusty Hanner

2. **Presentation:** Video on vulnerability with Brene Brown

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoMXF73j0c>

- Discussion about stigma – Jax shared about teaching evidence-based prevention curriculum to youth to help educate, which lowers stigma
- Discussion about vulnerability – Sheridan shared about how she was vulnerable about her struggles in a recent newspaper interview. Someone reached out to her after reading it and let her know how much they appreciated her sharing her message and her work in the community.

3. **Review/Discussion Items:**

Discussion for getting people involved/bringing new faces to the table – Plan to do key informant interviews with community members. Sheridan will begin to do those soon and reconnect with people that have not been active in the coalition recently. She will also be asking if they know of anyone who should/would like to be involved.

4. **Updates:**

- Discussion of plans in April for Child abuse prevention month – Plan to get schools involved. Sheridan reached out to her school contacts yesterday to share information about it and resources. Also plans to get some businesses involved. Jax shared that she has a contact that donates blue lights for businesses to put out for the month of April for this. She also is going to see if Casey's is willing to donate donuts for an event, possibly a walk in Centralia. Phylis shared that she put out blue ribbons last year for this and wants to do the same this year. Wants to give them to local businesses, bakeries, etc. to put out for the month and show support.

- Discussion on app development – Bond County Recovery Council has recently developed an app so this is something we could look at doing in the future.
- Website development, Sheridan shared that she now has full operation of the website, which has been tricky to switch over. She has made some changes and will be working on it intermittently. This will take priority over app development for now until we strengthen our council.

## 5. Work Groups:

Stigma reduction work group:

### **Zoom Only, Second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm**

- Discussed the success of the Love Recovery event, which welcomed approximately 75 community members for an evening focused on connection, recovery, and support. The event was supported by generous sponsors including HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese (food donation), Covered in Chocolate Bistro Bakery and Catering (desserts), Excel Bottling Company (soda), Darren Warden (music and sound), and The Mod Social (self-serve photo booth). VFW Post 3523 provided the event space. Community partners in attendance included Community Resource Center, BJC Memorial Hospital, Illinois Recovery Center, and Illinois Joining Forces, who shared valuable resources with attendees. Speakers Amanda Depew and Clayton Miller delivered powerful and inspiring messages. Special thanks were extended to BCRC and all volunteers who assisted with setup, cleanup, and behind-the-scenes support. Leftover food was donated to All Hours of Love.
- We are discussing plans for Child Abuse Prevention Month & how to get the community more involved.
- Also planning for a week in May or one day in May to host some kind of event outdoors, possibly a chalk walk, or movie night. More details to come.

Resource Networking group:

(formerly titled Access to Community Health Work Group)

A place to share and connect for local providers and organizations, treatment centers, etc. For all things to do with mental health substance use, and MAR.

### **Zoom only, Second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am**

Looking for additional participants. Shared Slido poll to determine a meeting time. Focus for this group currently is increasing awareness about resources in the area.

Slido Poll indicated that Wednesday mornings work best, so the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30 we will have our workgroup meeting.

RCO development work group: Goal to meet with one RCO developer in the next month. Tentative meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Goal currently is to develop an outline for future development of a RCO.

## 6. Council Sharing:

### GAMBLING AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS: THE TRIFECTA

*Addressing The Intersection of Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder and Process Addictions*

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Virtual OR In-Person**

Gateway Foundation Bloomington  
404 N Hershey Rd, Suite B  
Bloomington, IL 61704

**Join us for a free training at Gateway Foundation Bloomington:**



Mark Sanders



Dave Wohl

*Presenters Mark Sanders and Dave Wohl are nationally recognized behavioral health and healthcare leaders, bringing decades of experience in recovery-oriented care, clinical education, and healthcare administration to their work in advancing integrated treatment approaches.*

In partnership with ICPG, Gateway Foundation is hosting a workshop on gambling and co-occurring disorders that explores the bidirectional relationship between gambling disorder, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders, and how neurobiology, trauma, and environment shape addictive behaviors. This training will examine the clinical complexities of triple diagnoses and provide evidence-based strategies to improve diagnostic accuracy, integrate treatment, strengthen relapse prevention, and enhance long-term recovery outcomes.

Participants will earn 2 CE Credits!

RSVP by 3/7:



**7. Closing:** THANK YOU to everyone who attended and shared. Our Next meeting will be March 17th, 2026.