

Franklin/ Williamson County ROSC

(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes

2/18/26@9:00 AM

Attendees:

Shara Bloodworth- FW-ROSC Coordinator, Take Action Today – sharar@takeactiontoday.net

Jamie Griffin – Case Manger So IL Coalition - jamiegriffin.sich@yahoo.com

Danielle Kroeger – BASE Youth Engagement Specialist, TAT - daniellek@takeactiontoday.net

Sherry Smedshammer – Crisis Resource Developer, Centerstone –
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Michelle Buckley – Outreach Worker, Oxford House – michelle.buckley@oxfordhouse.org

Leigh Browning – CPRS, Recovery Service leighanna@takeactiontoday.net

Samantha Bandy – Administrative Specialist, TAT – samanthab@takeactiontoday.net

Tea Ferrell – Program Coordinator SIYEN/BASE, TAT-teeaf@takeactiontoday.net

Chrissy Gerley and Sadie Fletcher- Herrin House of Hope

Jessica Marczewski – Perry Jackson ROSC Coordinator, TAT – jessicam@takeactiontoday.net

Mandi Sprague – mandi@timberviewwellness.org

Valarie Stewart- Harm Reduction Specialist, TAT-valeries@takeactiontoday.net

Michael Lynd – Wellness Coach, Fellowship House -michael.lynd@centerstone.org

Emilia Saber- Trainer Tech, Prevention First

Justin Shewey – Executive Director Lifeboat Shelter Alliance –
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Chrystal Cantrell, Executive Director, Take Action Today -chrystalc@takeactiontoday.net

Cali Thomas- Outreach Specialist, Centerstone -thomas@centerstone.org

Jessica Atkisson – Licensing Representative – LSSI- jessica@atkisson@lssi.org

Welcome and Introductions:

Shara (Robinson) Bloodworth welcomed everyone and asked the council members to introduce themselves and give updates on programs in their agencies and organizations.

Presentation:

Mandy Sprague, Asst. Director of Operations & Director of Community Engagement

Mandy shared an overview of therapy, counseling, and community-based services provided by Timberview Wellness Center. The organization has been able to provide community-based services such as school-based counseling by partnering with schools in various communities. They continue to expand partnerships, such as Lutheran Social Services (LSSI). They serve multiple counties in Southern Illinois. In addition, she spoke about new support programs such as grief support, parenting and domestic violence support groups to name a few.

Discussion:

- Shara began the discussion by reminding everyone that the FY26 FW Community Guide is available for anyone interested. We can send them electronically or paper copies to the members.
- The Coordinator reminded the council about the need for education and awareness of reducing stigma and harm reduction. The two topics were identified as goals in the FW ROSC Strategic Plan. This prompted a discussion on community event possibilities to address and collaborate in the community. Shara asked the council to inform her of any events that they may be having, so that FW ROSC could partner with them and set up a table. It was suggested that Faith-based would be a great place to reach out to for future events.
- After some discussion on the pros and cons of a hybrid meeting. It was decided to have the FW ROSC monthly meeting hybrid at the March meeting. The location will be Timberview Wellness Center located at 101 E De Young - Marion

Program/Agency Updates:

- Valarie Stewart, Harm Reduction Specialist, updated by sharing that she had conducted Narcan training for 21 individuals. She is monitoring 40+ Narcan box distribution locations while also available to schedule additional Narcan training. Valerie requested the council to share any agencies, businesses or organizations she could present to on the topic of Harm Reduction.
- Teea Ferrell and Danielle Kroeger, SIYEN Program Leaders shared about 2 programs they are partnering with Connect 360 on. They are presently

implementing a prevention curriculum in a local school; this includes an after-school elementary program that addresses truancy. Also, a 3-day camp event in Williamson County will focus on healthy relationships and parent-child communication. There will be onsite clinical support from Centerstone. A Future project is the 2026 Prevention Day Back to School event on July 18th, 2026. It is set at Bill Dennison Park in Christopher, IL. These services will include dental cleaning, haircuts, backpack giveaways, entertainment, and vendor tables. The vendor participation is capped at 30. The vendor letter will be distributed soon along with openings for applications.

Community Events & Announcements:

- Chrissy and Linda representatives from Herrin House of Hope updated information on a Block Party event that is scheduled for May 2nd. They will send the flyer when completed. HHH is still needing individuals and businesses to get involved with the “Sponsor-a-Day” program.
- The “Changing the Conversation on Recovery” event will be held on March 25th at the VFW the address is 201 E Long St. It will include resource tables, keynote speakers, and community presentations.
- Michelle Buckley announced a new Men’s Sober Living House that will be opening May 4th in Mt. Vernon, IL. A Women's Oxford House in Carbondale is on the horizon in Carbondale. They are awaiting to secure an investor or rental property. Please contact Michelle for referral information.
- SIDAC Conference will be held on March 12th & 13th at SIU. Registration is still open for information please email Shara for information
- FW ROSC will be setting up a vendor table at the Boyton Street Community Center at the 1st annual Men’s Health Fair conference on Saturday Feb 21st.

The meeting was adjourned

Next Franklin/Williamson ROSC Meeting 3/18/2026

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