

Perry/Jackson ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

2/18/26 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)



Attendees:

Michelle Buckley- Outreach Worker, Oxford House Inc.

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Michael Lynd- Wellness Couch, Fellowship House
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Welcome and Introductions

- PJ ROSC Coordinator Jessica Marczewski welcomed everyone and asked if attendees would introduce themselves.

Announcements

- Crystal updated that the Recovery Initiatives & Community Planning Healing Illinois Grant will not proceed as originally planned.
- Michelle Buckley presented details of the upcoming event: Title: “Changing the Conversation on Recovery” The date is March 25th, and the location is in Marion, Illinois. The purpose of the event is to reduce stigma and promote healing within the community
- A new Men’s Oxford House is in the works in Mount Vernon and efforts continue to secure an investor or rental property for a Women’s Oxford House in Carbondale, more information will be available at a later date.
- Teneshkia Wright. Director of the Carbondale Warming Center announced that the Carbondale Shelter received an Expansion Subcontract Grant in the amount of \$160,000. The funding will allow operation 24/7 through June 30th. The plans are underway to add four bed capacity to increase from 18 to 26 beds, in addition

they will be adding one family room. Teneshkia also stated there is an ongoing shortage of female – designated beds. She updated the shelter operations as a first-come, first serve basis. Services provided will include showers, laundry and referrals to treatment. She stressed donations were needed to aid in their efforts.

Strategic Planning & Survey Reminder

- Chrystal encouraged completion of the FY26 Community Survey and the need for the PJ ROSC council members to be involved with this.
- A reminder was issued regarding upcoming deadlines for submission of the raw data and Strategic Plan completion.

Agency updates

Valerie Stewart, TAT Harm Reduction Specialist, provided updates on Narcan and Harm Reduction- her report included: Three in-person Narcan trainings conducted, 21 individuals trained, and monitoring of 40+ harm reduction boxes across five counties. She requested suggestions for additional box placements in Perry and Jackson counties. The suggested locations given were:

- McDonald's
- Joe's Pizza
- Gas station near Red Hawk Golf Course.

Kelsey Driskell, TAT Site Supervisor, Carbondale Resource Center provided statistics for services:

- 243 total visits
- 67 loads of laundry
- 133 showers provided
- 27 referrals made
- Operated emergency warming center Tuesday–Thursday evenings in partnership with another organization.

Teea Farrell and Danielle Kroger gave updates on the Youth Prevention Program:

- They are providing two after-school programs in Williamson County serving truant K-5th grade students.
- Prevention classes in Jefferson County have added a health curriculum series.
- Teen Mental Health First Aid training continues.
- Upcoming Youth Prevention Day / Back-to-School Event - Date: July 18
Location will be Christopher City Park. The event will provide haircuts, dental screenings, vision and hearing checks, physical's, vaccinations and school supplies
- Spring Break Camp - SIYEN will be partnering with Connect 360 for this event. It is a 3-day camp in Williamson County focusing on healthy relationships and

parent – child communication. On site will be Centerstone providing clinical support

Michael Lynd gave information on Medicaid PIPIC Program Overview below is the information he shared:

- Serves Medicaid recipients ages 18 and older.
- Open to both male and female clients.
- Focus on integrated primary and behavioral healthcare.
- Many referrals originate from the facility's rehabilitation program
- Services include Substance use counseling, Mental health counseling, Medical referrals, Vital checks
- Staffing includes Counselor, Nurse, Peer Wellness Coach

Michael Lynd will send a program flyer and provide contact information.

_The meeting was Adjournment

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: 3/18/26 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Only**

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