



McLean County Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) February 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

1. Barb Brumleve- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean & Ford ROSC
2. Cat Hays- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean ROSC
3. Kari Knapp – Chestnut Health Systems
4. Melissa Simmons – Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Vocational Counselor
5. Kami Garrison – Chestnut Health Systems, State ROSC Region 3
6. Steve Bridges – IL Joining Forces
7. Sgt. Mike Gardner – ISU Police
8. Nicole Meyer – Chestnut Health Systems, Naloxone Project
9. Emily Hartley – Brightpoint Community Services Coordinator
10. David Alvarez – Prevention First/Opioid Learning and Response Collaborative
11. Wendy Klinkner – Allies Against Trafficking
12. Teresa Orrick – Center for Youth and Family Solutions
13. Rosie Abraham – Bloomington Public Library
14. Selena Pappas – Central IL Friends
15. Nancy Bollegar – Allies Against Trafficking
16. Alisa Ndorongo Fall – IDHS-DRS
17. Erika Hahn – OMNI
18. Steve Bridges – IL Joining Forces
19. Jessie Williams – Project Oz
20. Sandra Beecher – Gateway Foundation
21. Erika Hahn – Illinois Human Performance Project/OMNI Youth Services
22. Don Mahannah – Integrity Counseling
23. Randy Copsey – Illinois State Police
24. Natasha Nunoo-Ponder – Center for Human Services

Agenda Items:

I. Welcome & Attendance

- a. The ROSC Team welcomed everyone, and Barb went around “the room” asking everyone to introduce themselves. We welcomed 2 new members, thank you to all that participated in our February ROSC Council meeting!!

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II. FY26 Narcan Distribution Planning

a. Recap of Naloxone Distribution Planning Discussed from January 2026 Council Meeting – Harm Reduction Happens When We Do It Together.

- i. *Check in with local police, EMTs, and first responders to see if they are up to date on training and if they need naloxone for distribution.*
- ii. *Create educational materials dispelling myths surrounding harm reduction and naloxone.*
- iii. *Look for data that is public record on concentrated geographic areas where overdoses are being reported from police records.*
- iv. *Community Partner Collaborations: Naloxone Administration Training*
 1. *High schools/schools/Universities*
 2. *Regional Alternative School*
 3. *YouthBuild*
 4. *Project Oz*
- v. *Community Locations for Naloxone Administration Trainings*
 1. *Utilize police overdose data to triangulate potential businesses, churches, and organizations to serve as community locations.*

b. Breakout Discussion: Council Member Naloxone Distribution Planning

i. ***What barriers might you face when helping to increase naloxone distribution in McLean County?***

1. Liability questions coming from upper management/organization.
2. Lack of Education
3. Stigma
4. Legal questions with younger children and parents – fear of legal involvement.
5. Language barrier/education
6. Cost – unaware free Naloxone available
7. Rural towns pride in small community/Stigma

ii. ***Which communities do you serve that are least connected to traditional harm reduction services in McLean County?***

1. Youth/Parents
2. Immigrant population
3. Senior Centers/Older population
4. Transportation – Connect Transit
5. Unhoused
6. Hotels
7. Late Teens



iii. What upcoming outreach events will you be attending where you can distribute naloxone and harm reduction resources?

1. DEA Drug Take Back
2. Diaper Bank
3. Skate Park
4. Care Fairs
5. Festivals (Sugar Creek and Sweet Corn)
6. School Resource Officers
7. Police/Fire Depts
8. Human Trafficking Summit – Springfield
9. Pop ups on The Quad
10. Events/Pop-Up – hand out material
11. Laundry mats

iv. Where in McLean County can you distribute print harm reduction resources?

1. Bus Stops
2. Food Pantries
3. Rest Stops
4. Laundry mats
5. Assisted Living Homes
6. Grocery Store/Pharmacy
7. Sporting Events/March Madness – Basketball games

Kari Knapp thanked everyone for their continued commitment and emphasized that this work would not be possible without the dedication of our ROSC Council.

As we move forward, we encourage everyone to begin thinking about how we – and our respective agencies – can collaborate more intentionally. During the breakout discussions, questions around liability and legality emerged as key concerns, along with a clear need for basic harm reduction education.

In response, we can develop training materials to share with Council members for use at upcoming outreach events and community engagements. Please let us know about any events on your calendar. We are happy to provide the resources and materials needed to help share accurate information about harm reduction and promote the hope of recovery.

Thank you again for your partnership and leadership in this important work!

Erika Hahn inquired if there is a place to download ROSC flyers, etc. Cat Hays explained we are in the process of streamlining the McLean County ROSC



Resource Guide and the GSU Website currently has some ROSC resources. Erika noted that it would be nice to be able to download and print each other's resources or link website pages.

III. Agency & Community Updates

- i. What events are upcoming for your organization/agency?
- ii. **Nancy Bollegar** with **Allies Against Trafficking** thanked Chestnut/ROSC, Liesl Wingert, and Randy Copsey for a successful Drug Endangered Children and Family Trafficking. **Nancy** and **Wendy Klinkner** shared they officially have their 501c3 and they are scheduling training's. Please reach out to Nancy with questions, 309.824.5878 (website under construction).
- iii. **David Alvarez** with **OLRC** shared upcoming free networking opportunities, March 5th in Carbondale (<https://www.prevention.org/training/EventDetails?i=10833&t=1053>)
- iv. **Officer Copsey** shared there will be a Human Trafficking Summit in Peoria May 5th and 6th in Peoria, invitation only.
- v. **Don Mahannah with Integrity** shared there is an upcoming grief support group starting on March 11th. ROSC will share the flyer.

IV. McLean ROSC Updates & Successes

- a. **Planning Committee Update**
 - i. Next meeting
 1. Monday, February 23rd, 2-3pm, Hybrid at the Bloomington Public Library.
 - ii. For more details or if interested in joining, please contact Cat Hays, cmhays@chestnut.org
- b. **IN-PERSON ONLY: Addiction Policy Forum Addiction 101 Part 2 Training (Part 1 not required)**
 - i. Tuesday, March 17th
 - ii. 2:30-3:30 pm
 - iii. Bloomington-Normal YMCA Community Room, 202 St Joseph Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701

V. Next Meeting – March 2026

- a. Tuesday, March 17th, 2026
- b. 3:30-4:30 IN-PERSON
- c. Bloomington-Normal YMCA Community Room, 202 St Joseph Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701

VI. Contact Info

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