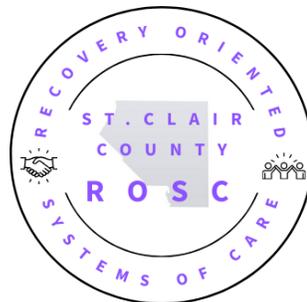


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## Monthly Council Meeting

- Date: 2/18/2026
- Time: 10am-11am
- Location: **Hybrid, BV office, conference room 158**, 12 N 64<sup>th</sup> Street, 62221 and **Teams**, [Join the meeting now](#)  
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## Attendees

- Lead ROSC Agency
  - Angella Holloway
  - Cheyney Evans
  - Conswala Jones
- Statewide ROSC
  - N/A
- Members: **Via Teams**
  - Charlie Prakt, Gateway, SORS
  - Dawn Davis-Stellwag, O'Fallon PD
  - Dustin Percy, Oxford House, Inc.
  - Dusty Hanner, OEND/CHS
  - Jen Nagel-Fischer, Porchlight Collective SAP
  - Marva Rucker, Urban League, Save our Sons + Sisters
  - Melanie Williams, PREP/CHS
  - Michele Wasser, Gateway, SORS
  - Paige Morris-Bethany Christian Services
  - Paul Fischer, Porchlight Collective SAP
  - Sheena Langhauser, BJC Healthcare, Memorial
  - Sheridan Jordan, Take Action Coalition, Clinton Co ROSC
- Members: **Via In-Person, BV office**
  - Chris Stanford, TASC Inc., Deflection team
  - Greg Santoni, TASC Inc., Choices Supervisor
  - Joe Jackson-St. Clair Co Mental Health Board
  - Jovana Herron (Ladd), Chestnut Health Systems

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- Megan Hall, Violence Prevention Center
- Mike Luther, OEND/CHS
- Ramone Collins, United Congregational of Metro-East
- Tina Robinson, Chestnut Health Systems
- Tyrone Hill, Amare, NFP
- **Guests/Visitors:**
  - Alexa Plant, Chestnut Health Systems (In-Person)
  - Angela Edwards, LINC, Inc (*In-person*)
  - Angela Nelson, LINC Inc (*In-person*)
  - Bonita Forker, St. Clair Co-IGD (*In-person*)
  - Chadene Gillespie, Gateway, CORS (*In-person*)
  - Delisha Richards, Urban League (*In-Person*)
  - Destine Dunlap, TASC Inc. (*In-person*)
  - Jaci Steltenpohl, Amare, NFP (In-person)
  - Jane Jung, Age Smart (*In-person*)
  - Jasmine Bell, Evolve Housing Solutions (*In-person*)
  - Jennifer Andrews, 101 Ways (*In-person*)
  - Julian Mathews, Gateway SORS (*via Teams*)
  - Meagan McGlasson, IL Recovery Center (In-person)
  - Morgan Goymer, The Gathering (In-person)
  - Recie Wilson, BASE/CHS
  - Rick Richardson, Amare, NFP (In-person)
  - Ronald Wilkerson, TASC, Inc. (In-person)
  - Quinella Pernermon, TASC, Inc (In-person)
  - Tagotta Whitley, Gateway, CORS (In-person)
  - Toni Spivey, Gateway SORS (*via Teams*)
  - Tremail Wright, LINC, Inc. (In-person)

## **Agenda Items/Next Steps:**

1. ***Sign-in/Welcome:*** Angella and Conswala welcomed/thanked council members and community partners for supporting the ROOSC council and events since start of program in July 2025. Angella asked a question during introductions to engage group on health/wellness; “Pls provide name, agency and (1) takeaway from previous meeting re: health/wellness. Each council member provided a response, including

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our guest speakers, Recie Wilson, CHS and Jasmin Bell, Evolve Housing. Each member had the opportunity to share and receive encouragement from the group.

- 2. ROSC updates, i.e.,** The ROSC provided a program status “snapshot” of year’s data re: ACTION teams status, Outreach items, and Naloxone/training supports. The ROSC discussed meeting with the (2) ACTION Teams and Peer Advisory to obtain feedback from community efforts as they align to project goals, *see below*.

## **ACTION team #1:**

### **Members feedback/Positive efforts:**

- \* St. Clair Co Mental Health Board provides a community resource list weekly, to view for resources/supports in area- information is up to date for areas.
- \* Adding a community resource guide to the ROE50 website for access/linkage; created a QR code/link post card to disseminate events, workshops, agencies for reference/immediate referral to focus on Early Childhood development and parent resources.
- \* Creating a space for Community partners to meet to develop a holistic wrap-around framework to support community needs.
- \* Sharing resources on social media platforms, i.e., Facebook, Instagram. Community events, job opportunities, emergency shelters, behavioral health resources are accessible and able to share contacts/likes.
- \* Meeting with other sectors, i.e., faith-based, civic, and business, and starting the conversations re: recovery supportive services, reducing stigma and increasing awareness.

### **Members’ feedback/Challenges:**

- \* Lacking information/resources to youth/senior groups re: mental illness/substance abuse; making sure these groups can access at a school-level, assisted living, or living alone, without technology abilities.
- \* Maintaining maintenance checks with up-to-date information on websites to ensure accuracy.
- \* Working with faith-based entities; how to present information and ensure smooth transition when discussing collaboration and efforts- how to increase involvement.
- \* Medicaid vs Medicare population- how can we assist the most vulnerable with accessing resources despite certain criteria/circumstances.
- \* Scheduling conflicts; weekend options to engage certain sectors

### **Recommendations/Solutions**

- \* To continue the conversations with community/partners to help expand on current efforts
- \* To contact/schedule with faith-based/youth entities on weekend, to schedule meet & greet/trainings/provide supports, per resource needed.
- \* Working with IT depts to strengthen social media presence; ensure technology is working properly for accessibility.
- \* Working with youth programs to create information for teens/parents to improve family’s engagement/knowledge of resources.
- \* Hosting stigma-related workshops with community to receive feedback/engagement/increase PLEs.
- \* Continue to include the ACTION teams on emails re: meetings, community events, and information re: ROSC goals.

## **ACTION team #2:**

### **Members feedback/Positive efforts:**

- \* Connecting the community to Naloxone/Narcan has been used; community agencies have increased their knowledge/training resources for access.
- \* Increased conversations re: challenges; community seem receptive to receive supports/resources from agencies in areas.
- \* Substance abuse/Mental health services are better supported than in previous years, based on reported data and feedback.
- \* Community partners are working diligently to help spread awareness on accessibility of services; increase of face-face interactions to meet people where they are in life/recovery journey.
- \* Faith-based organizations- “The conversations around real-life challenges, truths, and fears, live in the church; first stop to help engage the community.”
- \* Providing positive feedback to all regardless of life circumstances: “Grow or go...we don’t give up...go above and beyond...I’m you!”
- \* Seeking guidance/support from seniors in the community who have lived in the area for many years and can share their experiences.

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## Members' feedback/Challenges

- \* Stigma: Reducing negative perceptions of individuals, no matter gender, race, recovery vs non-recovery, unhoused vs housed; **we must humanize all individuals; see each other with a clearer eye!**
- \* Treatment access: Identifying which areas/sectors need immediate hard reduction resources/trainings to increase use for safety.
- \* Environmental triggers: Living in areas where substance use is prevalent makes maintaining abstinence extremely difficult; **meeting individuals where they are!**
- \* Finding supportive services for individuals with background, i.e., sex offender, parolee, etc.
- \* Survival/Safety measures: Exposure to harsh weather, high risk of violence, and basic needs (shelter/food/water/hygiene supports).
- \* Limited access to care, i.e., housing, employment, medical, social services, and self-help groups.
- \* Housing Instability: lack of stable, safe, and private places to live prevents individuals from focusing on health or recovery.
- \* Faith-based entities- ensuring that the community gain access to resources within church settings.

## Recommendations/Solutions

- \* To continue the conversations with community/partners to help expand on current efforts.
- \* To stand as a united front when facing these challenges; develop achievable goals/measures/solutions to help improve efforts.
- \* Schedule meeting sessions with Faith-Based entities to help increase awareness, gain support, and build trust for community relationships.
- \* Hosting stigma-related workshops with community to receive feedback/engagement/increase PLEs.
- \* Continue to include the ACTion teams on emails re: meetings, community events, and information re: ROSC goals.

## PLE-Peer Advisory Board:

### Members feedback/Positive efforts:

- \* Community partners working together to help unhoused families stay secure/safe.
- \* Teaching community on layers of trust; to not take things personally!
- \* Deeper connections/relationship building with younger leaders in community.
- \* Developing creative ways to communicate awareness.
- \* Returning to the community; rediscovering the joy in the work!

## Members' feedback/Challenges:

- \* Can be intimidating to some who may not be ready to ask for help; BE MORE IMPACTFUL in delivering the message; People are marginalized.
- \* Accountability of actions: "Going back to the old way of doing things," "Placing participants at risk," "Stone-age- changing of times."
- \* Staying encouraged when recovery is hard; stand behind each while on journey!
- \* Working with police- ensuring safety is the priority, excluding false arrests; "People are terrified at times and are in danger."
- \* Drawing attention to current security measures (ICE).

## Recommendations/Solutions

- \* To continue the conversations with community partners, police and MAR support to expand their views on how to resolve issues and develop solutions.
- \* Creating safer recovery-oriented environments for people who seek help.
- \* Inquire about supportive resources on federal level to accommodate recovery efforts.
- \* Maintain council to brainstorm ideas to drive action in diverse communities.

**Outreach items:** The ROSC team encouraged council to send suggestions/ideas on items that can be purchased for project, to provide community partners as a token of appreciation, i.e., pens, magnets (*thanks Recie*), bags, clips, etc. The ROSC team will follow up/inquire with council at next meeting.

**Naloxone supplies/training:** Introduced Mike Luther as a member of the OEND team who can assist with providing supplies and scheduling training sessions.

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Encouraged council to contact [SR-OEND-DOPP@chestnut.org](mailto:SR-OEND-DOPP@chestnut.org) to request assistance or send to ROSC team for assistance.

- 3. Who's Who...What's New...Let's "table/teams" talk!** The Council was provided with a community listing of new resources prior to meeting, to review and inquire about services during meeting. From list, there were (5) new programs; (2) programs presented and provided a brief overview of their program.

**Speaker, Recie Wilson, BASE/CHS:** BASE, Build, Amplify, Support and Empower provides a *multi-faceted initiative* designed to address the needs of students who experience trauma, social-emotional challenges, or are at risk of behavioral issues. *Fosters collaboration* among law enforcement, school personnel, and community-based organizations, the initiative ensures that children receive the care and understanding they need. *The Handle with Care* program ensures that children who experience traumatic events receive the help they need. Together, WE can ensure that children affected by trauma are not left to struggle alone, but instead are supported, encouraged, and provided the care they need to succeed.

**Speaker, Jasmine Bell, Evolve Housing Solutions:** Offers independent shared housing for adults seeking a structured, secure living environment. Our homes provide comfort and stability to individuals transitioning from homelessness, shelters, hospitals, or unstable conditions.

*Program Features:* Fully furnished private or shared rooms, 24/7 onsite surveillance, Medication reminders (if needed), Transportation coordination, Weekly wellness check-ins, Shared kitchen, living spaces, and laundry, Peer-supported, sober living environment.

*Who We Serve:* Adults 60+ seeking independent living, Individuals with low income or housing insecurity, those recovering from mild mental health challenges, recently discharged patients from hospitals or facilities, Veterans.

The council members and speakers discussed questions and how they could increase awareness of both resources. The ROSC encouraged council to contact the (3) remaining resources for immediate support/details.

After the speakers, the ROSC team introduced the new partners (1<sup>st</sup> time attending) and asked if they would provide agency updates and how they would like to support this council.

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#### **4. Closing remarks/thank you:**

Reminded council to find time to connect and follow up with community friends when time permits. The team provided project folders with updated flyers/community events, i.e., PREP (*Personal Responsibility Education Program*) posters were distributed to agencies who inquired about teen prevention; referred Melanie Williams-CHS for assistance. Requested council to continue reporting on their meeting takeaways to “share out” at the beginning of each meeting.

Due to end time, we thanked the virtual members for attending and assured them that we would follow-up with meeting minutes, but they were free to log off if needed; In-person council members were encouraged to network, share resources and exchange contact information with new partners for continued collaboration, next steps, and increase community awareness.

#### **Final thoughts:**

Next meeting date will be **March 18<sup>th</sup>**; **In person (BV-CHS office) or via Teams!** We will continue to update the committee on program changes as we continue to grow.

Thank you for attending and staying engaged!

*Mission:* “Build and empower recovery ready communities”

*Vision:* “A community working together to embrace recovery and connecting with those who seek it.”