

DeWitt ROSC Meeting Minutes

DeWitt Piatt Bi-County Health Department

March 15th 2026, at 1 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. **Attendees – Maggie Memmott (DeWitt County ROSC Coordinator); Tia Schum (PCMHC); Tony Kirkman (PCMHC); Cory Baxter (Heritage Behavioral Health); Sharon Mills (DeWitt County Mental Health Bord); Teagan Skull (Heritage Behavioral Health); Lisa Cook (DrPH, LCPC); Tristan McGrew (DART); Kami Garrison (Region 4); Katy Arnold (Clinton High School Counselor); Victoria Dahman (Medical Assisted Treatment); Jamie Porter (PCMHC); Brandon Vaner (Dart); Tedd Lowers (DWHP); Kimberly Bateson (PLE); Kelsie Hall (PLE); Kelly Burton (Warner Hospital); Tony Harrison (DW); Kristen Davis; Linda Coleman (Advocate); Lexis Grotjan (PLE); Ashlyn Burris (DOVE); (Bradon Becker; (PLE); Toni; (REGION 4) Paul Kowarn (WHSS); Megann Andreae (Heritage); Michelle Akman (Heritage); Sandra Beecher (Gateway); Sharon Mills (708 Mental Health);**

The meeting reviewed DeWitt County ROSC outreach efforts, logistics for naloxone distribution and training, and local recovery support activities. Participants introduced themselves and local contacts, then identified volunteer needs for reading the group chat and taking legible meeting notes, with one attendee volunteering and AI-assisted note-taking raised as an idea. The group explored naloxone outreach options including placement in truck-stop restrooms and DOT rest areas, use of library and church networks, sharing short training videos on social media, outreach at the county 250th celebration, and a Trinity Church naloxone training; Margaret agreed to follow up on truck stops and local newsletter outreach and noted a recent naloxone use at a Walmart as rationale.

Discussion covered operational details for rest-area permitting, distribution agreements, inventory of naloxone boxes, volunteer coordination for the Business Expo and a community meal, and outreach to campgrounds and other DeWitt locations. Tony and Margaret described the state grant season and committed to finishing the FY26 Department of Human Services program narrative by the April 3 submission deadline. The group also discussed youth prevention through art and National Recovery Month planning, raised concerns about legal but potentially harmful products sold at gas stations (Kratom, counterfeit stimulants, THC drinks, Kava), and received a DART presentation outlining intake criteria, services, law-enforcement referrals, and two new deflection specialist hires; referral flyers were offered and the next meeting was set for April 20 at 1:00 PM.

Chapters & Topics:

Opening and Meeting Start

The meeting opened with logistics and a short wait for late arrivals. Margaret prompted audio checks and prepared to start introductions and agenda items.

Introductions and Personal Plans

Attendees introduced themselves, named affiliations (ROSC coordinator, Regional Technical Assistant, Peer Support Specialist, etc.), and shared spring or summer plans including vacations and family events; this established attendance and rapport among members.

- * Participants completed round-robin introductions and shared spring/summer plans to confirm attendance and local engagement capacity.

Meeting Support and Note-taking

Margaret asked for volunteers to monitor the group chat and take notes to keep meetings organized; a participant volunteered to take notes and the group discussed using AI to generate meeting notes and setting recurring Zoom meetings with a designated host.

- * A volunteer offered to take meeting notes after a request for someone with legible handwriting.

Naloxone Outreach and Community Engagement

The group discussed expanding naloxone training and distribution through truck stops, library programs, churches, and social media videos; Margaret described outreach plans including contacting truck stops and local newsletter contacts, cited a recent Walmart naloxone use, and proposed leveraging the county 250th celebration for public outreach.

- * Margaret will pursue placing naloxone in truck-stop restrooms and coordinate with Tristan on that effort.

- * Libraries, churches, and social media videos were identified as practical channels for naloxone training outreach.

- * A recent naloxone use at a local Walmart was cited as evidence of ongoing local need for naloxone availability.

- * The county 250th celebration offers a free public outreach opportunity for non-profits to distribute information and engage the community.

DOT rest-area access and Recovery Friendly Congregation connection

Discussion about contacting the Illinois Department of Transportation engineer of operations to obtain permission and complete the rest area distribution agreement was raised. Margaret offered to connect Maggie with Dr. Miller to support Recovery Friendly Congregation efforts.

- * Maggie needs to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation engineer of operations to request permission to place materials in the rest area.

- * Margaret will connect Maggie with Dr. Miller regarding the Recovery Friendly Congregation program.

Trainings, jail resources, and volunteer coordination

The group reviewed training progress, distribution of recovery and AA/NA books in the jail, volunteer recruiting for transportation support, and ongoing reading groups and sobriety celebrations.

Naloxone training preparation and materials inventory

Logistics for the upcoming Naloxone training at Trinity Church were confirmed, with Margaret listing supplies she will bring including naloxone, leave-behind bags, and resource folders.

* A Naloxone training will be held at Trinity Church this weekend and Margaret will bring naloxone, leave-behind bags, folders, and flyers.

Business Expo planning and volunteer/food assignments

Planning for the Business Expo covered timing, volunteer sign-ups, table setup, promotional materials, and catering details including pulled pork, salads, paper goods, and teardown staffing.

* The Business Expo on the 26th (3–6 PM) will be staffed with naloxone leave-behind bags and volunteers; volunteers were requested for setup, staffing, and teardown.

* Food planning for an event was assigned: Brandon will cook pulled pork and volunteers were assigned for plates, silverware, and decoration.

Attendance tracking and outreach commitments

Participants discussed outreach to Heritage and others for event tables and acknowledged using 708 funds for non-donated food while collecting RSVPs and follow-ups via sign-up methods.

Naloxone box placements and seasonal considerations

The team reported eight outside naloxone boxes installed, discussed priority locations such as truck stops, DeWitt, beaches, and campgrounds, and considered seasonal installation or storage for winter.

* The team has placed eight outside naloxone boxes through 708 funding and local efforts.

* The group intends to pursue naloxone placement at truck stops, DeWitt, campgrounds, and seasonal locations with consideration for winter storage or seasonal deployment.

Prevention through art and grant/ROSC planning

The Prevention through Art contest timeline and prizes were set, including a billboard for first place, and Tony and Margaret discussed the state grant cycle and completing the FY26 program narrative ahead of the April 3 deadline while planning for National Recovery Month activities.

* A youth “Prevention through Art” contest will accept artwork through April 21 and the first-place winner’s artwork will be sent to Lamar for a billboard.

* Tony and Margaret will finalize and submit the FY26 program narrative to the state by April 3 as part of the Department of Human Services grant process.

Retail substance concerns and community advocacy

Tony Kirkman detailed several substance-availability concerns, including Kratom, fake Adderall products, THC-infused drinks, and Kava, and she urged community members to monitor gas-station sales and engage in advocacy. She explained that local bans (for example, in Monticello) lead retailers to substitute other products and emphasized public education to counter stigma and raise awareness.

* Local retailers are shifting from Kratom to substitute products like fake Adderall and Kava after local ordinances restrict Kratom.

* THC-infused drinks are appearing in local retail stock and are legally sold, prompting public awareness concerns.

* Kava was identified as a potentiator that can enhance the effects of other substances and was flagged as a growing local concern.

DART presentation and recruitment

Brandon Curry Varner introduced DART, explained that it receives referrals (primarily from law enforcement) for individuals who used alcohol or drugs within the last 12 months, and outlined services including treatment placement, assistance obtaining IDs and insurance, and transportation support. He announced two open deflection specialist positions, invited applications via him or the TASC careers page for Champaign, and offered referral materials to attendees.

* DART accepts referrals primarily from law enforcement and offers broad support including treatment placement, IDs, insurance assistance, and transportation.

* DART is hiring two deflection specialists and instructed applicants to contact Brandon or apply via the TASC careers page for Champaign listings.

Meeting close and logistics

Margaret asked about takeaway materials and Brandon offered copies of referrals to distribute, several participants thanked the presenters, and the next meeting was scheduled for April 20 at 1:00 PM.