

Recovery Oriented System of Care

Strategic plan

DeWitt County ROSC

Purpose:

The purpose of establishing the strategic plan below is to break down ROSC goals by providing individualized objectives and activities. These objectives will provide a means to determine the success of the ROSC council and guide its members.

Strategic planning is an organizational management activity that sets priorities, focuses energy and resources, strengthens operations, ensures that members and stakeholders are working towards a common goal, establishes agreement around intended outcomes and results, and assesses and adjusts counsel's direction in response to a changing environment.

Mission:

The mission of the DeWitt County Recovery-Oriented System of Care Council is to collaborate to build and empower communities of recovery.

Vision:

"Everyone needs someone"

Needs Assessment:

According to the 2020 United State Census, there were 15,516 people, 6,635 households, and an average of 2.32 persons per household residing in the county. The population density was 39 inhabitants per square mile (14.7/km²). There were 7,318 housing units at an average density of 18.9 per square mile (6.4/kms). The racial makeup of the county was 96.5% white, 1.2% black or African American, 0.5% Asian, 0.4% American Indian, and 1.4% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 3.1% of the population. Out of the total population, 5.5% are under the age of 5, 21.2% are under age of 18, and 20% are aged 65 or over. The median household income in the county was \$60,401, the per capita income was \$32,317, and the persons in poverty was 10.7%. The median value of an owner-occupied housing was \$109,800 and median gross rent was \$713.

Due to state and local responses to the Opioid Epidemic that surged in 2016, DeWitt County's fatal overdose numbers have decreased (10 nonfatal and 0 fatal) since 2020. However, with current information from the DeWitt County Coroner and Sheriff's Department, there were no drug overdoses this year for 2025.

The council community survey results revealed a notable gap regarding Medication-Assisted Recovery for Medication (methadone) use to treat opiate use disorder, with most respondents unaware of its efficacy for substance use disorder. A disparity existed between those who disagreed and those who neither agreed nor disagreed. Furthermore, a gap was identified in knowledge about accessing healthcare providers for Medication-Assisted Treatment. Nearly 50% of respondents were undecided about knowing where to find such resources. Demographically, age gaps were observed in the under-eighteen and eighteen-to-twenty-four age groups.

Qualitative data is collected from the community survey conducted September through December, 2025. Community members related to recovery support in a focus group reported: "I feel invisible, like no one sees the real me; I need someone to just listen without judgment." Similarly, a discussion of the impediment posed by unaffordable housing to achieving a stable recovery is needed. Focus Group Discussions to this point have included: Collective narratives highlighting shared community experiences and cultural intricacies. For example: A group discussing how social stigma hinders their seeking help in the neighborhood.

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Community Outreach

Purpose:

Based on the data collected and information provided by PLE's, being able to reduce stigma and educate the community is of utmost importance. There continues to be gaps in knowledge about substance use, the recovery process, and available resources to those in need. The mission of the DeWitt County Recovery-Oriented System of Care Council is to collaborate to build and empower communities of recovery.

Communication / Outreach Goals

1. To increase the awareness of the DeWitt County ROSC Council and opportunities for involvement in DeWitt County.
2. Increase engagement on the DeWitt County ROSC Council
3. Decrease stigma regarding substance use and recovery
4. Increase representation of Persons with Lived Experience on our ROSC Council
5. Expand the peer support networks in the community

Objectives:

1. Create a working email list of all community stakeholders
2. Collaborate with professionals, peers, and formal and informal service providers to support the recovery recovery process to the greatest extent possible.
3. Increase access to and capacity, proper placement, and quality of care, as well as retention for those in Recovery.
4. Distribute at least five different communication methods (press releases, social media blasts, email blasts, rack cards, special events....) to the community.

Targeted Audiences for focus are:

1. SUD/Mental Health Providers
2. People and Families with Lived Experience

3. Hospitals and Primary Care Providers
4. Law Enforcement Agencies
5. Faith Communities
6. Youth

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**Communication Plan – How we will
communicate with people in the community.**

1. Email
2. Facebook
3. Linked-In Contact
4. Rack Cards
5. Press Releases
6. Town Hall Meetings/Discussions
7. PCMHC Website

Tele-Communication

1. Provide all contact numbers (Tony Kirkman & Jaime Porter) to address any issues that the council may have.
2. Develop Zoom links/accounts to help with the establishment of a virtual meeting option
3. Utilize Telehealth

Community Outreach Plan – How do we reach out to the community?

1. Word of Mouth – Council members, staff, and peers will talk to others about ROSC and its goals.
2. Rack Cards w/list of treatment options
3. Conduct Educational Seminars
4. Attend County/City Meetings
5. Request to speak at local faith communities
6. Disseminate flyers

Values:

- Recognize the right of a person to direct their own recovery and that there are multiple models or paths to recovery.
- Progress over perfection – nobody works a perfect recovery program.
- Operate with integrity and a sense of personal responsibility.
- Recovery requires action. The ROSC can facilitate supports and services for recoverees, but ultimately, they are the ones who have to do the work and follow through.
- Recovery happens at a community level.
- Include the “voice” of peers, family members, and the community in planning and decision-making.
- Implement programs with competency and good stewardship.
- Empower individuals and families.
- Embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion.

ROSC Council Goals:

Short Term Goals: 12-month Plan:

Goal #1

Increase transportation access in DeWitt County through collaboration with Piattran and DART; we will meet at least one time before April 2026 with both Piattran and DART, working to enhance access through the ability to schedule on-demand transportation with extended hours—7 days per week availability with increased hours of operation from multiple sources.

Objectives:

- Connect with DART (Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion Response Team) on a monthly basis to coordinate transportation opportunities, connect individuals as needed, and discuss barriers to transportation services.
- By April, 2026 reach out to Piatt County Public Transportation (Piattran) to schedule a meeting regarding: increasing transportation availability in DeWitt County. This would

include: having on-demand rides (reducing the 24-hour notice barrier), extended hours beyond the normal 8am-5pm, and having availability on the weekends.

- Quarterly, reach out to additional resources (social service providers, churches and volunteer groups, etc.) to update resource lists available in DeWitt County for transportation options.

Progress Achieved:

- Have met with DART on 8/15/25, 9/20/25, 9/25/25, 10/9/25, 10/14/25, 11/17/2025. Have been able to connect 5 individuals with DART for Transportation needs to date.
- Will be reaching out to Piattran to schedule a meeting in the next few months. Have reviewed Piattran's current schedules, hours, and procedures for transportation to prepare for proposals.
- Contacted known providers to update the resource list, which was completed on 10/2/2025.

Next Steps:

- Continue monthly meetings with DART, as well as discussing transportation options, issues, needs in monthly ROSC Council meetings.
- Conduct a focus group of PLE's to elicit information on transportation needs and the barriers in place—in order to provide this information to the transportation providers.
- Schedule the quarterly meetings with additional resources and providers.

Outcome/Output Measures:

- Monthly meetings
- At least 1 completed focus group
- Number of attendees in quarterly meetings

Goal #2

To enhance our Stigma Reduction efforts around Substance, Use Disorder, we will complete 3 Naloxone trainings by April, 2026, and create social media posts geared towards stigma reduction education 1 time per week until end of the FY, June 30 2026.

Objectives:

- Increase Naloxone training by completing at least one training in every town in DeWitt County by end of Quarter 3.
- Plan and complete community events/activities, which will provide speakers to share their story of recovery and hope, educate the community about the recovery process including MAR services, and increasing awareness. Will complete an event or activity at least once per month.
- Post on Facebook, a minimum of once per week—anti-stigma related messages in order to educate the community, inform the community about what ROSC is and what ROSC is doing, and post all upcoming events.

Progress Achieved:

- Have provided Naloxone trainings to Clinton, Weldon, Kenny, and Farmer City for Quarter 1. Have completed four out of seven to date; working to schedule additional trainings.
- Completed the Candlelight Vigil 8/31/2025, Lunchtime Trivia at Clinton High School on 9/18/2025, Recovery Walk on 9/20/25, Recovery Thanksgiving on 11/21/25. Continue to work with the ROSC council to schedule events and identify additional community involvement activities in monthly ROSC meetings. Next event is scheduled for 1/10/26— Family Movie Night.
- Have been posting on Facebook three times per week on average.

Next Steps:

- Will reach out to 2 new businesses in Clinton in order to provide Naloxone and Naloxone training to employees.
- Reaching out to local gas stations regarding options to provide Naloxone in their facilities.
- “Let’s Talk about ROSC” event is scheduled for February 13th, 2026.
- Meet with MAR providers in the community and surrounding communities to build resources and referral information.
- Continue at minimum weekly posts on social media.

Outcome/Output Measures:

- Provide Naloxone training in the community at least monthly.
- Number of attendees at scheduled events/educational opportunities.
- Feedback from community survey results.

Goal #3

Educate the community and promote Harm Reduction in the recovery process by improving our harm reduction efforts, DeWitt Co ROSC will increase outside Naloxone boxes by adding 2 more outside Naloxone boxes in 2 additional towns in DeWitt County by June 30 2026. In addition, DeWitt County ROSC staff will provide Naloxone at 10 community trainings by June 30 2026, and provide an additional 50 leave behind bags by June 30, 2026.

Objectives:

- Provide a Naloxone box to every community in Dewitt County by end of February, 2026.
- Create leave behind bags with information such as: treatment options, Naloxone, Fentanyl test strips, resource list, and directions on harm reduction products. Disseminate 50 leave behind bags at events and activities, and to individuals as needed. All bags will be distributed by the end of FY 26.
- DeWitt ROSC will provide state mandated Naloxone training to the three local libraries in DeWitt County by end of end of quarter 2. Naloxone will be provided as needed to the libraries, as well as additional education and treatment resources.

Progress Achieved:

- Naloxone boxes have been placed in Waynesville, Weldon, Wapella, Farmer City, and Clinton. ROSC has purchased 3 additional Naloxone boxes. The ROSC Council is working to identify placement of these boxes, and reaching out to the remaining communities.
- There are 50 leave behind bags available for FY 26 to give out at events as able. Additional leave behind bags have been provided to the Health Dept., Warner Hospital, the DeWitt County Jail. Fifteen Leave behind bags have been provided at events in Quarter 1.
- Training has been provided to libraries in Clinton and Weldon; working to schedule a training in Farmer City before the end of Quarter 2. Refilled Naloxone at Clinton library on 8/8/2025 and 9/17/2025. Check in with all three libraries monthly on Naloxone supply and needs.

Next Steps:

- Will be setting up one additional Naloxone box at DeWitt County Housing Authority.
- Will be reaching out to the village of DeWitt to inquire about placement of an outdoor Naloxone box.
- Disseminate all leave behind bags at ROSC events.
- Monthly refill Naloxone supply at all libraries, unless needed more often.
- Contact Farmer City library to schedule before end of Q2.

Outcome/Output Measures:

- All 8 outside Naloxone boxes will be set up in communities throughout DeWitt County.
- Number of trainings completed to libraries.
- Number of individual Naloxone provided to the community.

3-Year Strategic Plan:

Long term goals:

Goal #1:

By the end of June 30, 2028, DeWitt ROSC will work with local crisis teams and community members to ensure knowledge of SUD and connection for those in crisis, and teach about harm reduction DCR will host and conduct 3 community events per year on the topic of stigma.

Objectives:

- Increase education on co-occurring disorders with information on harm reduction presented to communities through semi-annual presentations/events by
- Increase education on SUD and Mental Health and harm reduction with information presented to communities through semi-annual presentations in the community.

Goal #2:

Addressing the long-standing transportation issues that hinder access to treatment and recovery support services; by the end of June 30 2028, DCR will increase access to transportation in our county by collaborating with 2 community transportation partners to increase their hours of transportation to include 7 days per week access and evening hours.

Objectives:

- Increase access to transportation in DeWitt County by collaborating with 2 community transportation partners to increase their hours of transportation to include 7 days per week access and evening hours.
- Provide education to transportation providers on community needs for access to transportation, the barriers presented, and plans to address barriers.
- Create and update resource lists available in DeWitt County for transportation options.

Goal 3#:

By the end of June, 2028, DeWitt ROSC will be decreasing Stigma as it relates to SUD and raise awareness about the benefits of the harm reeducation model, and will collaborate to add 2 more outside Naloxone boxes in 2 additional towns. In addition, DCR will continue providing Naloxone training to the community, doing 5 per year.

Objectives:

- Decrease the belief that people with SUD and Mental Health do not recover and how harm reduction helps them get to recovery through, at least 6 yearly stigma reduction campaign messages informed by community data.
- Increase education on the association between addiction and shame with information presented to communities through semi-annual presentations/events by Increase education for family members of people with SUD through community enrichment for family members by

Outcome Measures:

- Measurable data will include attendance of ROSC Council meetings
- Number of individuals referred to treatment, number of transportation providers serving DeWitt County, number of individuals utilizing new transportation services, number of MCR staff engaged, number of individuals with SUD that engaged with DeWitt County MCR, number of harm reduction events/encounters that transpired in DeWitt County
- Progress is measured through attendance in ROSC Council meetings, Stigma Reduction events, Naloxone trainings, and community engagement activities. Surveys and input from all events and meetings will be evaluated with the council for additional needs-improvements-successes. Progress is also measured through the quarterly reports and effectiveness of goals in place.

