



**Franklin/ Williamson County ROSC
(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes
3/18/26@9:00 AM**

Attendees:

Shara Bloodworth- FW-ROSC Coordinator, Take Action Today – sharar@takeactiontoday.net

John Steve-Director of Herrin House of Hope-steve87success@yahoo.com

Laura Addison-Case Manager of Lighthouse Shelter-Laura@thelighthouseshelter.com

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Sherry Smedshammer – Crisis Resource Developer, Centerstone –
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Torie Patton – Harm Reduction Specialist, CPRS, TAT – toriep@takeactiontoday.net

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Teea Ferrell – Program Coordinator SIYEN/BASE, TAT-teeaf@takeactiontoday.net

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Mandi Sprague –Timberview Wellness Center- mandi@timberviewwellness.org

Mel Aaron-Centerstone-melissa.aaron@centerstone.org

Welcome and Introductions:

Shara (Robinson) Bloodworth welcomed everyone and asked council members to introduce themselves. A brief bio was read for the presenter John Steve, Director of Herrin House of Hope

Presentation:

John Steve, Director of Herrin House of Hope

John Steve shared an overview of the services that Herrin House of Hope provides and how they got started. They opened their doors 14 years ago and are now hosting their 10th Annual Summer Meal program for children to eat during summer break. They are open 11-1p.m. offering free hot meals to anyone as a “soup kitchen”. They have a food pantry, a thrift store and have collaborated with John A. Logan, which offers free GED classes on site. They currently have 15 volunteers under the AmeriCorp program. The participants are paid BI-Weekly through this program and HHH are always looking for more volunteers. John shared year-to-date and upcoming events. HHH will be having a Block Party, music, games and food will be served during the event. He asked the council to contact him or reach out to Shara if interested in being a Vendor. FW ROSC will be partnering with this event.

Discussion:

- The Coordinator reminded the council about the need for education and awareness of reducing stigma and harm reduction. The two topics were identified as goals in the FW ROSC Strategic Plan. This prompted a discussion on community events possibilities to accomplish these goals. Shara asked the council to inform her of any events that they may be having, so that FW ROSC could partner with them and set up a table. It was suggested that Faith-based would be a great place to reach out to for future events.
- After some discussion on the pros and cons of a hybrid meeting. It was decided to continue the FW ROSC monthly meeting hybrid moving forward.

Program/Agency Updates:

- Torie Patton, Harm Reduction Specialist - gave updates including speaking at the SIDAC Conference at SIU. She spoke about systemic harms and the need to update the Good Samaritan Law. Torie updated us by sharing that she had conducted Narcan training for 28 individuals. She has dispensed 120 units of Narcan throughout the community and has reached up to 78 people through outreach. She has 5 One Box's left to dispense. She is also willing to drop off totes wherever needed to collect products such as hygiene products or any other type of donations.
- Teea Ferrell and Danielle Kroeger Southern Illinois Youth Empowerment Network Program Leaders - shared their updates, SIYEN has partnered with Connect 360 with 2 programs in local community schools. They recently partnered with FW ROSC in a 3-day retreat for children and their families at Camp Jericho in Williamson County to help build relationships and combat truancy. It was called "Unplugged". It was a beautiful event that also offered emotional support working with trained horses as being a therapeutic tool. The SIYEN Team are in the process of combining their Prevention Day and the Back-to-School event. This will take place on July 18th, 2026. The location will be Bill Dennison Park in Christopher, IL. Franklin-Williamson ROSC will be partnering in this event, along with other agencies and organizations to provide information and services such as dental cleaning, haircuts, backpack giveaways, and entertainment. The

vendor participation is capped at 30. The vendor letter will be distributed soon along with openings for applications. On April 8th they will be having the Franklin/Williamson Cap Proclamation. FW ROSC will be partnering in this proclamation as well as the National Prescription Drug “take-back day” taking place on April 26th.

- Mandy Sprague -BOOTS SI- shared the next meeting will be at Zion Church in Marion, IL on April 16th at 2p.m. It is a hybrid meeting if anyone wanted the link, she asked that they leave their email in chat
- Christina Manchin -Centerstone - announced they updated a directory for call ins and are also taking walk-ins. She shared the new flyer with this information and said she could email it to anyone interested
- Sherry Smeddshammers -Centerstone – updated that Centerstone has a facility in Carterville, IL that is Crisis Residential and will house patients from 10-12 days.

The meeting was adjourned

Next Franklin/Williamson ROSC Meeting 4/15/2026

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