

# Perry/Jackson ROSC Council

## Meeting Minutes

3/18/26 @ 1:00pm (Virtual)



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## **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Marczewski, who facilitated her first ROSC meeting using a new engagement format focused on strengthening relationships among ROSC members. Participants were asked to share:

- Name
- Organization/role
- Responsibilities
- Community issues

## **Discussion: Recovery Barriers in Southern Illinois**

Participants engaged in a group discussion to identify key barriers affecting individuals in recovery and reentry. Major barriers identified include:

- Stigma surrounding substance use and recovery
- Transportation challenges, particularly in rural areas
- Homelessness and lack of stable housing
- Limited access to mental health services
- Lack of resources for co-occurring disorders
- Barriers to shelter access due to felony history

### **Discussion Highlights:**

- Transportation was emphasized as a significant issue.
- Individuals with felony backgrounds face difficulty accessing traditional shelters.
- Collaboration and sharing lived experiences were identified as effective strategies to reduce stigma and improve awareness.

## **Stimulant Recovery Program Discussion**

- A proposal was made to explore development of a stimulant-use recovery program with accessibility similar to medication-assisted treatment models, including same-day availability.
- Discussion included the challenge of balancing peer recovery and harm reduction approaches, with a need for integrated strategies.
- The importance of addressing personal barriers (e.g., trauma, past relapse) and sharing recovery stories to promote hope was emphasized.

## **Community Barriers Discussion**

Representatives from local organizations shared barriers impacting their communities:

- Transportation limitations
- Gaps in mental health services
- Resource shortages
- Lack of transportation
- Insufficient housing, particularly for women and individuals in treatment

## Announcements

- A harm reduction pop-up event will be held at the Little Resource Center on April 4th.
- Organizations are invited to request similar outreach events in their communities.

## Key Takeaways

- Transportation and housing remain critical barriers across the region.
- Mental health services are insufficient to meet community needs.
- Continued stigma reduction efforts are necessary.
- Increased collaboration and expanded recovery and harm reduction programming are needed.

## Adjournment

The meeting concluded following discussions and announcements.

<https://www.govst.edu/Recovery-Support/Southern-IL-ROSC/JPRC-ROSC-Council/>

**Next Meeting: 4/18/26 @ 1:00pm**  
**Zoom Only**

<https://zoom.us/j/92445073407pwd=RkRCV2NWR05jVVhENzdgRDdJR0w1QT09>