



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time/Location: 3/9/26 @ noon. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting
- Location: 1307 State Highway 109. Jerseyville, IL. 62052
- Next Meeting: 4/13/26 @ noon.
- Attendance:
 - Emily Simpson
 - Toni Randall
 - Becky Shipley
 - Rita Robertson
 - Rachel Klocke
 - Nicholas Settles
 - Meaghan McGlasson
 - Heidi Carter
 - Codi Poe
 - Erin Hileman
 - Maria Clark

Guest speaker: Maria Clark from Locust Street

Maria discussed the various mental health and substance use services that Locust Street offers. Thank you for sharing with us!

Mobile Crisis Response and Living Room Overview

Maria described the mobile crisis response team structure, staffing model (screener plus certified peer), 24/7 availability, six-county coverage, and 90-minute response requirement. She then introduced the peer-led Living Room as a non-clinical, 24/7 respite that supports de-escalation and connection to resources.

- WICCA Street operates a 24/7 mobile crisis response team that serves a six-county area with a required 90-minute response window.
- The Living Room is a 24/7, peer-led, non-clinical crisis respite that requires participation and can support stays up to 23 hours or overnight while awaiting placement.

Community and School-Based Services

Maria reviewed community outreach programs including school-based crisis and outpatient counselors in Litchfield, Staunton, and virtual services for Shelbyville, noting occasional on-site coverage at schools and crisis screening responses to requests.

Clinical Services, Treatment, and Relocation Plans

The agency's clinic-based psychiatric services, APN, behavioral health RNs, counseling, and in-house substance use treatment for youth and adults were outlined. Maria noted notice to vacate Boyd Hospital and a planned move to Greene County Public Health Department offices with intent for seamless transition in a single-day move.

PSR, Housing, Elder, and Developmental Disability Services

Psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) daily programming, Hope Home supervised residential program details (eight beds plus two crisis beds), supported housing, caregiver support services, and developmental disability SILA homes with current openings were presented.

Outreach Materials, Support Groups, Wait Times, and Q&A

Maria offered brochures and electronic materials for distribution, highlighted Living Room support groups (domestic violence and brief support groups), provided pediatric counseling wait-time estimates, and explained crisis screening outcomes and follow-up procedures; subsequent Q&A addressed substance-use options, school coordination, and Living Room operations and policies.

- Pediatric counseling average wait time is approximately four to six weeks, with assessments available within five to seven days and expedited care for critical needs.
- Crisis screenings result in either community safety planning with 24/48/72-hour follow-up or facilitation of inpatient hospitalization including coordination after medical clearance.
- Rachel will forward electronic resources shared by the visitor to all call attendees.

Upcoming anti-stigma Lunch & Learn and related events

An anti-stigma Lunch and Learn is scheduled for March 20th from 12:00–1:00 at the Jerseyville East Annex with Chestnut speaking and Illinois Recovery Center providing lunch. Spot still remain and sign up is open through Monday so please share!

The meeting covered community events including Gambling Awareness Month and the Gambling Anonymous group held in Jersey county on Sunday and Wednesday nights at the JCH East Annex at 7pm, family learning nights, Child Health and Safety Fair plans with Narcan-included resource bags, available bike helmets, and other outreach logistics. The team discussed a laundry-day pilot with pledged donations, promotional recognition for donors, and potential peer presence at community outreach events. Waiting on a donation from another community business member that agreed to donate. Once we have a running total, the goal is to hold monthly free laundry day events through the summer, beginning in May.

Harm Reduction Updates

The team distributed sharps boxes to the library and holds three extra locked sharps boxes available for community placement. The Jersey County Health Department will also have a large kiosk type drop box outside the building for needles.

The team reported multiple Narcan box deployments countywide, three new boxes received, and Grove Memorial Park's city-council approval for an outdoor Narcan box with plans to install before May events. Additionally, Rachel is working on arranging delivery and installation of the Narcan box for the Courthouse grounds as well as for Jersey Fit.

Recovery Navigator (Nick) updates and referrals

The Recovery Navigator's AmeriCorps mid-year site visit feedback was positive, showing performance at or above state levels, and discussion covered client referrals, housing assistance successes, and a new weekly recovery group launching Wednesdays at Koen Counseling at 6pm. Team members discussed ways to connect Nick with MAR clients. Once meeting dates are officially established, fliers will be available for distribution.

Stigma campaign subcommittee and first-responder engagement

The team proposed forming a subcommittee of people with lived experience to support a stigma campaign and asked members to recruit participants for an upcoming Thursday meeting. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this, please let Rachel know! Attached to email will be a flier that you can give them.

Hospital/ER coordination and suboxone protocol work

Plans are still in place to meet with the ER to establish a relationship with them and to provide recovery based resources to them for patients and their families. Also would like to connect to introduce recovery peer with them. Status of the Suboxone protocol in the ER was discussed by Erin, as well as a plan to prepare resource folders and follow committee approvals before broader ER staff education. Team members agreed to coordinate presentations and materials once policy approval progresses. Rachel and Nick reported outreach to EMS and planned engagement with the sheriff's office and officers, with the sheriff invited to meet in a few weeks and prior officer meetings noted as supportive.

Upcoming Dates to Save:

- March 20th: Anti-stigma lunch and learn 12-1pm @ JCH East annex
- March 28th: Child Safety and Wellness Fair 9-11 @ Susnig Center
- You can also find us at the Family Learning Night at JCMS this month