



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 8 10:30am (Hybrid)

Virtual via Zoom and in-person at IHR, Pontiac, IL

Attendees Via Zoom

- **Melissa Simmons-** DRS
- **Kari Knapp-** Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Kami Garrison-** Chestnut/Statewide ROSC
- **Zach Cinkovich-** Boys and Girls Club
- **Kelly Ingalls-** Boys and Girls Club
- **Madalyn Lane-** Livingston County Probation
- **Rhonda Looney-** IHR
- **Diana Belicke-** Rosecrance Behavioral Health
- **Jaden Corsolini-** Maitri Path to Wellness
- **Amanda Power-** Boys & Girls Club Livingston County

Attendees Via In-Person

- **Becky Ballard-**IHR
- **Grace Irvin-**Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Claire Spires-** OSF St. James
- **John Schneider-** Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Erin Fogarty-** Livingston County Health Department
- **Jerry Gavin-** Livingston County Health Department
- **Taylor Hartman-** Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth

Strategic Planning Discussion

- **Goal 1**
 - **Objective: Develop and post at least 12 stigma-reduction social media posts targeting a 5% increase in engagement (likes, shares, comments) by March 30, 2026.**

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- Brainstormed Post Types
 - Myth vs. Fact Posts
 - Highly engaging.
 - Challenges long-held beliefs.
 - Educational and easy to share.
 - Personal Stories- Most powerful when local but barriers: privacy concerns in small communities (*options discussed- Anonymous/local demographic identifiers (e.g., “Livingston County resident, age 37”)*; Composite stories based on real data.
 - Data Points / Visual Infographics
 - Age demographics seeking services - Gender, occupation, or other trends.
 - Column charts/visuals to normalize help-seeking behavior.
 - Polls (Interactive Engagement)
 - Pre/post perception polls.
 - Series-based approach (build knowledge across 11 posts, final post measures change).
 - Potential question: “Where would you like to see Narcan available?”
- **Calls to Action**
 - “What can you do at home/work/school?”
 - Focus on language, acceptance, and support.
 - Promote local resource guides:
 - IHR resource guide
 - OSF resource guide
 - County online resource list
- **Key Considerations**
 - Immediate engagement vs. long-term stigma reduction.
 - Stakeholders should share/boost posts.
 - Continue messaging beyond March 2026 for long-term impact (community survey tracking).
- **Goal 2**
 - **Objective: Identify community harm reduction needs through existing partnerships by February 15.**
 - Narcan Distribution Discussion (Known Distribution Locations):

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- Livingston County Health Department
- IHR
- EMS (injectable)
- County Market
- Law enforcement agencies
- Libraries (required to carry Narcan as of Jan 2026)
- Schools (mandated to carry Narcan)
- Cornell - Town hall currently stores Narcan in Styrofoam cooler; New newspaper-style box purchased.
- Narcan Distribution Discussion (Potential Locations for Additional Narcan Boxes)- Focusing on Retail / High Traffic
 - Gas stations- Casey's (Route 17); Love's / travel stops (county boundary considerations)
 - County Market
 - Dollar General
 - Smoke shops
 - Hotels
 - Community college
 - Rec Plex
 - Salvation Army
 - Pawn shop (product distribution approved; vending box not approved)
 - Laundromats (especially 24-hour)
 - Post offices (research needed re: USPS/property ownership)
 - Amtrak stations
 - Rest stops
 - Parks- Suggested (Riverside Park, Lions Park)
 - Concern: vandalism, perception, child safety issues
- Key Concerns
 - 24/7 accessibility preferred.
 - Temperature control (2-year shelf life; extreme heat/cold impact).
 - Vandalism risk.
 - Maintenance and monitoring.
 - Long-term funding sustainability.
 - Stigma and privacy—location must feel discreet and safe.
- Action Items
 - Health Department drafting grant proposal (due Feb 15).
 - Mental Health Board may fund box purchases (maintenance not included).



- Research USPS/post office placement feasibility (Health Dept + Mental Health Board).
- Subcommittee meeting Feb 11.

- **Goal 3**

- Objective: By Dec 2026, engage elected representatives regarding needs, gaps, funding, and education.
- Current Political Landscape
 - Jason Bunting – Responsive; aligned with social services.
 - Sen. Balkam – Action-oriented; focused on workforce/childcare; requires business/economic framing.
 - Rep. Tipsword – Likely exiting office.
 - Potential new candidates emerging.
- Key Takeaways- Must Present:
 - Clear problem
 - Concrete ask
 - Defined action step.
 - Suggestion to focus on workforce impact, economic productivity, business capacity, social services support, etc.
- Engagement Strategies
 - Coffee with the Candidate events
 - Listening sessions
 - Campaign stops
 - Office meetings
 - Debates
 - Leverage connections (e.g., Deb Howard)

FY26 Community Resource List

- Edits needed by February 13, 2026
- Printed copies will be available March 2026

Member Updates:

- Sober Living (Maitri Path to Wellness)
 - Women's side: 5 open beds.
 - Men's side: 1–2 open beds.
 - Expanded treatment groups.



- Rosecrance
 - Open adolescent residential beds.
 - Adult substance use beds available.
 - Detox openings in Rockford.
- OSF
 - Ongoing grief support group.
 - Free smoking cessation program (Mental Health Board supported).
- Livingston County Health Department
 - CPR/Narcan training for libraries and schools.
 - Jerry Gavin introduced as new Health Education/Marketing Director

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2026 - HYBRID

- 10:30am-12:00 pm location Livingston County Health Department and Zoom
- <https://zoom.us/j/91925670666?pwd=eFZGQnFkTW41UjN2bGtNSHdlbisyZz09>
- Subcommittees 4th Wednesday of the month at Livingston County Health Department

Upcoming Trainings:

- Visit <https://www.coalitionsupport.org/trainings> for upcoming trainings.

Virtual Resource Guide/Social Media

- Virtual Resource Guide: <https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonCountyRecovers>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livingston.county.roscl/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGU_LCzRafxtFTikOV38oDg

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Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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