



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 5, 2026 10:30am (Hybrid)

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

Attendees Via Zoom

- **Melissa Simmons**- DRS
- **Kari Knapp**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Mike Nolan**- Dwight Police Dept
- **Tia Schum**- Piatt County ROSC
- **Kami Garrison**-
Chestnut/Statewide ROSC
- **Jody Martin**- Boys and Girls Club
- **Kalyn Patterson**- Center for Youth
and Family Solutions
- **Clare Spires**-OSF
- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland
Headstart
- **Lauren Michalski**- Safe Journeys
- **Madalyn Lane**- Livingston County
Probation
- **Melissa**- Life CIL
- **Becky Ballard**- IHR
- **Jaden Corsolini**- Maitri Path to
Wellness
- **Abby Behrens**- Prevent Child
Abuse Illinois

Attendees Via In-Person

- **Theresa Diemer**-IHR
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **John Schneider**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Jerry Gavin**- Livingston County Health Department
- **Taylor Hartman**-Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County
Commission on Children and Youth
- **Mara Schwartz**-Safe Journeys
- **Rhonda Looney**-IHR
- **Tim Jenkins**- Futures Unlimited



Strategic Planning Discussion - Strategic Plan Updates

Goal 2 – Harm Reduction (Naloxone Distribution)

Progress

- Program moving forward with strong multi-sector collaboration.
- Naloxone terminology will be used instead of brand name Narcan.
- New medication packaging (Padagis) may affect box sizing.

Funding

- Livingston County 708 Board approved \$3,500 for distribution boxes.

Partners

- Livingston County Health Department
- Livingston County Sheriff's Office
- Dwight Police Department
- IHR (naloxone supply)
- Additional community partners

Implementation

- First 56-unit “Barney Jr.” naloxone distribution box secured.
- Planned location: Cornell Community Center.
- Sheriff's Department will:
 - Check boxes annually
 - Refill boxes
 - Respond to refill calls through non-emergency line

Potential Future Locations

- Dwight
- Fairbury
- Chatsworth
- Odell
- Pontiac
- South Streator
- Additional community sites (police stations, community centers, thrift stores, food pantries)



Status

- Program ahead of schedule with strong community engagement.

Goal 1 – Stigma Reduction

Objective

- Post 12 stigma-reduction social media posts by March 30- Goal: 5% increase in engagement
- Virtual Resource App- Goal: Increase usage by 10% by June 30, 2026

Content Strategies

- Use person-first language
- Promote community support and recovery
- Highlight local resources
- Share naloxone availability locations

Virtual Resource App Review & Feedback

Issues identified:

- Some information is outdated
- Missing support groups
- Recovery meeting list not updated
- Some organizations renamed or changed

Suggestions:

- Make crisis resources easier to find
- Clarify instructions on homepage (users should click resource tabs)
- Add:
 - Grief groups
 - Al-Anon meetings
 - IHR crisis number
 - Updated recovery meeting lists

Promotion Ideas

- QR code distribution cards
- Bathroom posters
- School distribution

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- Family service packets
- Agency lobbies and waiting areas
- Approximately 3,400 QR cards were distributed in 2025; additional distribution planned.

Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittees working on:

- Naloxone box implementation
- Social media stigma campaign
- Community speaker event on recovery
- A guest recovery speaker is being planned for the county.

Partner Agency Updates

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

- Webinar: Drug Endangered Children & Familial Human Trafficking – March 19
- Drug Endangered Children Alliance Conference – May 12 (Springfield)
- April events planned for Child Abuse Prevention Month

Safe Journeys

- Hiring:
 - Prevention educator
 - Shelter staff
 - Attorney
 - Facilitator
- Domestic violence financial support resources available

Boys & Girls Club

- Teen centers growing rapidly (Pontiac & Fairbury)
- Agencies invited to provide youth programming
- Community event: June 13 (Duck Race area)

Life Center for Independent Living

- Wheelchair Basketball Fundraiser – May 2
- Location: Eastview Church, Bloomington
- Seeking veterans for basketball team

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Center for Youth & Family Solutions

- Care Coordination services available with no waitlist
- Hiring additional care coordinators

Maitri Path to Wellness

- Women's sober living beds available
- Planning Recovery Awareness Event in September

Futures Unlimited

- Transportation services expanding
- New program: Futures Connection (Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- Hiring drivers (CDL and non-CDL)

Livingston County Health Department

- Party in the Park – April 18
- Child Abuse Prevention event
- Smoking & vaping cessation training available

IHR Counseling

- Crisis grant services available for Livingston County
- Updating support group information

Other Updates

- Route 24 Radio Community Forum returning
- Future segments planned on recovery and substance use topics
- Potential sober social event / mocktail event being explored

Next Meeting

- Date: April 2, 2026
- Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: OSF St. James (Hybrid meeting)
 - <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.