



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 2, 2026 10:30am (Hybrid)

Virtual via Zoom and in-person at OSF Saint James- John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Pontiac, IL

Attendees Via Zoom

- **Becky Ballard**- IHR
- **Jaden Corsolini**- Maitri Path to Wellness
- **Kami Garrison**- Chestnut/Statewide ROSC
- **Johanna Gonzalez**- DBHR
- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland Headstart
- **Daryl Pass**- Kenneth Young Center
- **Tia Schum**- Piatt County ROSC
- **Mara Schwartz**-Safe Journeys

Attendees Via In-Person

- **Theresa Diemer**-IHR
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Jerry Gavin**- Livingston County Health Department
- **Taylor Hartman**-Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth
- **Raven Hodgson**-OSF
- **Rhonda Looney**-IHR
- **Tim Jenkins**- Futures Unlimited
- **John Schneider**- Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Clare Spires**-OSF

Strategic Planning Discussion - Strategic Plan Updates

Goal 3 – Collaborative Service Delivery

- Strategic plan goal #3 (year 1 – short-term progress): within 12 months, establish formal MOUs with at least one additional agency to begin expanding collaborative service delivery.
- By June 30, 2026 have at least 1 new partner agency sign the MOU and work towards collaboration efforts

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I-Plan Priorities from 2025-2030 LCHD

- Top concerns in Livingston County are mental health and substance use (96% of respondents indicating that there is a problem in the county)
 - Availability and accessibility of services remain as top concerns when it comes to behavioral health & substance use

FY26 Liv ROSC Survey Results that Align with 2025-2030 I-Plan

- 40% agreed or strongly agreed that it is difficult to access mental health and substance use treatment services
- 78% agreed or strongly agreed that stigma prevents some people from accessing services

Open Discussion

- What gaps are showing up repeatedly?
 - Transportation
 - IHR isn't on the route for transportation
 - There is a gap in the
 - There isn't a free library access
 - It costs \$80 to get a library card
 - Smaller communities don't access to free library access
- What populations are we not reaching?
 - Saunemin doesn't have access to a lot of things
 - There's a post office, bar, grain elevator
 - When I hang things, the bar is closed.
 - The bar has changed ownership and the town Facebook was all over it!
 - Small towns are generational living, grandkids living with grandparents.
 - How do you reach them?
 - It's Mara giving them flyers.
 - If we find a community leader, then we could be able to reach those populations.
 - Grandparents raising grandkids is a big demographic. These grandparents don't have the tech skill or tech access as others.
- Who is missing from the table to bridge these gaps?



- Community leaders
- These small towns have meetings monthly meetings and is a great place to get information out to the smaller towns
- They want to make the communities better and would love information to make their communities better
- How will you reach those who are missing?
 - Attend the meetings? Mara said that is great way to do it.
 - The meetings time are public
 - The website is accessible to everyone.
 - There is no social media
 - Is there a Saunemin Facebook group- yes there is a Facebook page
 - Saunemin Illinois Neighbors is the Facebook
 - Do we feel those small towns have websites?
 - Yes?
 - What entities could come to our table?
 - Fire EMS?
 - Volunteer Departments?
 - Is that someone that can come to the table?
 - Would Dollar General be open to information?
 - Taylor said that Pontiac would be open, but would the rest be open?
 - Business
 - Chamber?
 - City Council meets every other Monday
 - Futures has behavioral health program
 - OSF has the treatment but not inpatient.
 - Primary care will function as a physiatrist.
 - They are doing a good job utilizing the gene site testing.

Next Steps

- Finalize list of potential partner agencies by next council meeting – May 7th


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- Work to schedule meetings with agencies and stakeholders – June 4th
- New community partner – June 30th

Call To Action!!


- Do One Of These This Week
 - Register Yourself
 - Share on social media
 - Share with one other colleague
 - Share via an email distribution list
 - Print the flyer & share it in your lobby, waiting room, or with clients!


 **Thursday, April 23**
1:00 - 4:00 PM

 **The Eagle Theatre**
319 N Plum St, Pontiac, IL.

Why Attend?

- ✓ Free and open to the public with refreshments available
- ✓ Gain tools to support recovery
- ✓ Strengthen your impact in local and rural communities


Training led by Mark Sanders, internationally recognized speaker and consultant in behavioral health.
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Partner Agency Updates

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)
- Futures is transportation. There are several openings. We have officially taken on the task for the whole county. If you have anyone who is interested in driving. We have Full

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Time, There is money for CDL transportation training, We had a contest to pick the name of the company and the name that was picked was True Path Counseling. There is will be outpatient counseling. We are accepting referrals.

- The other county is Ford county. There is an imaginary barrier between Livingston and Ford County.
- Futures Connections is where you apply. If you want to apply on Indeed as well.
 - You can also come in and fill out a paper applications.

Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth

- Mental health board application is out this week. Youth Commission- April 13 at 10am at the health department with walking tacos.

Livingston County Health Department

- Party in the part April 18 rain 11-1 with easter egg hung. 2,200 eggs. Food truck (Comfort Kitchen). If you want to rsvp to come. We received 10,000 through the county board. We are going work to see how we will spend those funds.
 - Setup at 10am

IHR Counseling

- We received funds through Taylor for our family support group. Everyone other Thursday and everyone other Saturday. Beck and Teresa went to Cornell to Adventures Bar and found expired Naloxone and switched out the boxes. Theresa and John are on the radio tomorrow. Will air next week on IHR. Later Rhonda and I will talk about the Al-Anon meeting

OSF Saint James- John W. Albrecht Medical Center

- You can use the ER waiting room for distribution of flyers.

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

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Next Meeting

- Date: May 7, 2026
- Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Prairie Creek Library (Dwight) (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.ros/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGU_LCzRafxtFTikOV38oDg

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Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.