



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 7, 2026 10:30am-11:30 am (Hybrid)

Virtual via Zoom and in-person at Prairie Creek Library (Dwight, IL)

Attendees Via Zoom

- **Becky Ballard**- IHR
- **Jaden Corsolini**- Maitri Path to Wellness
- **Madalyn Lane**- Livingston County Probation
- **Kari Knapp**- Chestnut/Livingston County ROSC
- **Clare Spires**-OSF
- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland Headstart
- **Tia Schum**- Piatt County ROSC
- **Lauren Erickson**-Chestnut/IL Faith & Recovery Collaborative
- **Melissa Johnson**-LifeCil
- **Melissa Simmons**- IDHS DORS
- **Renee Weedling**- Livingston County Circuit Clerks Office

Attendees Via In-Person

- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland Headstart
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/Liv ROSC
- **Mike Nolan**- Chief of Police, Dwight
- **Gary Beier**- Deputy Chief, Dwight Police
- **Jerry Gavin**- Livingston County Health Department
- **Taylor Hartman**-Livingston County Mental Health Board & Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth
- **Lauren Michalski**- Safe Journeys



Trifecta Training Recap – April 23rd with Mark Sanders

- ▶ 37 people in attendance
- ▶ 7 unique sectors reached
- ▶ Huge thank you to our volunteers, IHR, & 708 Board.
- ▶ CEU certificates – pending and will be sent along soon
- ▶ Feedback survey results-
 - 4.75/5 stars for overall rating of the training
 - Majority agreeing it was relevant to their work, that presenter was engaging and knowledgeable, majority shared that they gained useful knowledge and skills that they can apply, and that the training met their expectations
 - Other feedback included quotes-
 - “Mark is a dynamic speaker”
 - “Appreciated Marks experience and examples”
 - “Very cool to have this locally”

Strategic Plan Progress Goal #3 – Effective 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
- ▶ Recap of April 2026 Meeting:
 - **Service Gaps**
 - Participants identified several ongoing barriers:
 - Transportation challenges, including lack of IHR route access
 - Limited access to free library resources in smaller communities
 - Technology and internet access barriers
 - Limited behavioral health resources in rural areas
 - **Rural & Underserved Communities**
 - Smaller communities such as Saunemin were highlighted as having limited resources and outreach opportunities. Discussion emphasized:

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- The importance of trusted community relationships
- Generational living arrangements, including grandparents raising grandchildren
- Technology and digital literacy barriers among older adults
- **Outreach & Engagement Strategies**
 - Participants discussed ways to improve rural outreach, including:
 - Partnering with local community leaders
 - Attending town and village meetings
 - Utilizing local Facebook groups and community networks
 - Sharing information in places residents already gather
- **Potential New Community Partners Identified**
 - Fire And EMS Departments
 - Volunteer Departments
 - Local Businesses
 - Chambers Of Commerce
 - City Councils
 - Dollar General Locations As Possible Information-sharing Sites
 - Futures Behavioral Health Program
 - OSF Behavioral Health Services
- ▶ Discussion on prioritization of partners and who will reach out to who
 - City Councils and Volunteer Departments
 - **Council member assigned: Clare Spires**
 - Pontiac City Council- can get on the agenda to introduce ROSC
 - Also will make request for someone to join our meetings
 - Primary Care Provider meeting- can get on agenda and speak to ROSC and what we offer, etc.
 - OSF Behavioral Health Services
 - **Council member assigned: Jaden Corsolini**
 - May 22nd meeting- will make them aware of ROSC and will invite them to join
 - Promotions Committee for Pontiac Small Businesses
 - **Council member assigned: Shannon Lawler**
 - Will promote Liv ROSC at the next meeting on May 21st and will invite someone to join an upcoming meeting



- Futures Behavioral Health Program
 - **Council member assigned: Lauren**
- Schools Administration/Board Members
 - **Council member assigned: Jerry Gavin & Clare Spires**
 - **Jerry – superintendents in ROE 17**
 - **Clare – superintendents at 429 and 90**
- Churches/Ministerial Alliance
 - **Council member assigned: Gary Beier will reach out to Dwight Ministerial Alliance**
- Other Outlets
 - **Village Packets for City Council (Dwight)- Gary Beier**
 - **Steam Packets- Heartland Head Start for parents- Shannon Lawler**

Next Steps

- Livingston County ROSC will create and distribute a one pager/flyer for council members to pass out
- All council members highlighted above will make initial connections by June meeting and everyone will come prepared for the June meeting to discuss

Council Member Spotlight – Madalyn Lane with Livingston County Probation

- Coverage of loose statistics of how many clients have a mental health disorder, how many struggle with SUD, and how many clients struggle with alcohol vs. other substances
- Clients who might be struggling have family history of this
- Discussion of advocacy for clients and connecting them with local resources (IHR, Safe Journeys, Health Department, etc.)
- Overview discussion of how effective service delivery is taking place/connection to ROSC and our overarching ROSC goals: stigma reduction, harm reduction promotion, and effective service delivery

Partner Agency Updates

IL Faith & Recovery Collaborative

- See attached flyer
- Contact Lauren Erickson for more information(leerickson@chestnut.org)

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Dwight Police Department

- Has 2 NARCAN distribution boxes
 - One is still being put up at the Amtrak Station
 - Liquor store location has been set up and has been used recently!
 - Livingston ROSC will work to promote on social media
- National Night Out Event – August 4th
 - 5-8 pm downtown
 - Email follow up will be coming

Maitri Path to Wellness

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

Livingston County Mental Health Board

- Mental health board application finalizing this week- due May 8th.
- Gearing up for community events

Livingston County Health Department

- Prepping for community events and upcoming sports/school physicals]
- If you need NARCAN, contact Jerry – Jerry providing ongoing education to various sectors

Safe Journeys

- Hiring a Shelter Director- posting can be found on Indeed

Heartland Headstart

- Flyers for enrollment application available
- Getting ready for next school year
- Services ALL of Livingston County

Piatt County ROSC

- As of June 30, 2026, Piatt County will be dissolving.

IHR

- Next Wednesday, May 13, FREE Narcan training from 5-6 PM- more info on Facebook - Will be held at IHR – walk ins welcome

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OSF

- Behavioral Health Provider candidate that will be starting shortly!
 - Will share more details at the June meeting
- Grief Group – meets 2nd and 4th Tues of every month at hospital

Next Meeting

- Date: June 4, 2026
- Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Futures Unlimited (Pontiac) & (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.coalitionssupport.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

ROSC Contact Information

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Meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.