

ROSC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 1:30pm-2pm

Host: Elyse Schoen (Macoupin County Public Health Department); **Co-host:** Lindsay Minor (St. Francis Way Clinic)

Attendees: Maria Clark (Locust Street Resource Center), Samantha Brown (5th Street Renaissance), Jon Magnuson (The Next Network), Kevin Schott (community member), Greg Santoni (TASC), Chris “Kit” Stanford (TASC CHOICES)

Overview of Planning Committee Meeting

The ROSC planning committee meeting discussed upcoming events and fundraising efforts. Elyse Schoen highlighted the next laundry day in Carlinville on May 11, supported by the Federated Church. Currently, the Macoupin County Indivisible group is hosting us a fundraiser with a goal of \$500 along with the Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Gillespie currently collecting funds at their church for laundry days. The committee reviewed the success of the recent advocacy day at the state capitol and discussed follow-up after meeting with IDHS about insurance barriers for inpatient recovery programming. They also mentioned the drug take-back day partnership with Litchfield Sullivans this past weekend, Mental Health Month partnership with local libraries, and a MAR harm reduction campaign currently in the works. The May ROSC meeting was moved to May 18 due to Memorial Day.

Action Items for council members

- Elyse Schoen
 - Check the Macoupin County Indivisible Group fundraiser status today and report back to the planning committee on whether the \$500 goal has been reached for the Carlinville laundry day.
 - Ensure that the Carlinville school is informed about the upcoming laundry day and that flyers are sent home with students before the next laundry day.
- Lindsay Minor
 - Plan and schedule the June laundry day location by the end of May and communicate the chosen site to the planning committee.
 - Complete filming of the MAR harm reduction campaign videos this week and deliver the final campaign materials by the end of May so they can be released in June to the community.
- Jon Magnuson
 - Clarify and communicate privacy and confidentiality guidance for the 'I walk for' signs (e.g., how to handle names of living individuals and permission

requirements) and, if appropriate, have a PSA about this shared with participants before and during the event.

- All committee members
 - Help share Mental Health Walk Event

ROSC COUNCIL MEETING @ 2pm-3pm

Host: Elyse Schoen (Macoupin County Public Health Department); **Co-host:** Lindsay Minor (St. Francis Way Clinic)

Attendees: Maria Clark (Locust Street Resource Center), Brandy Allen (Family Guidance Centers), Carrie McKinzie (Gateway), Samantha Brown (5th Street Renaissance), Jon Magnuson (The Next Network), Kevin Schott (community member), Greg Santoni (TASC), Chris “Kit” Stanford (TASC CHOICES), Juliet Milton (MCPHD; Safe Families), Jason Farley (NAMI SW), Matt Lantgen (Gateway), Carmen Lanham (Family Guidance Center), Linda Taylor (Pavilion), Vicki Walker (Carlinville Area Hospital), Toni Randall (Statewide ROSC; Chestnut), Bailey Moore (MCPHD; Health Educator), Breanne Stayton (MCPHD/St. Francis Way Clinic), Emily Farris (The Confetti Project)

Overview of ROSC Council Meeting

The ROSC meeting focused on local youth programs including The Confetti Project, Health Educator from Macoupin County Public Health Department, and the Kiwanis Program of Litchfield. The Confetti Project provides birthday celebrations for children in need. The Health Educator, Bailey, spoke about Aaron's Law education on child sexual abuse prevention and the Mental Health Awareness Art Contest for grades 6-12. The planned presentation from the Litchfield Kiwanis Club could not attend due to schedule conflicts. The ROSC discussed creating a sponsorship program to help support local youth sports programs for children who cannot afford them.

Action Items from Committee Members

- Elyse Schoen
 - Research and follow up on the possibility of a ROSC-sponsored program to help fund youth participation in sports/activities (including potential church partnerships) and send updates/emails to the group.
 - Share the link or information about the fidgets/harm reduction tools with Maria and any interested parties.
 - (Kevin Schott recommendation) Research and consider organizing a community risk reduction/integrated community health educational event for first responders,

in partnership with relevant organizations (NAMI, TASC, etc.), and follow up with interested ROSC partners.

- Create and send out a poll to the community to determine the next location for the free laundry day event in Macoupin County.

I. SUMMARY FROM PRESENTATIONS

A. The Confetti Project Birthday Initiative

Emily Farris presented The Confetti Project, a birthday celebration initiative inspired by Angel Tree that provides parties for children aged 3-18 from low-income families. Each party costs approximately \$150 and includes a gift up to \$100, cake, drinks, decorations, and supplies delivered in a tote bag to maintain the surprise for the children. The project is currently in fundraising mode and will begin accepting applications in May, with plans to expand to Gillespie School District.

B. Child Abuse Prevention Education Presentation

Bailey Moore, a health educator from Macoupin County Public Health Department, presented on child sexual abuse prevention education and a youth mental health awareness art contest. She explained that her lessons cover Erin's Law requirements, teaching students age-appropriate content about safe and unsafe touches, secrets, and trusted adults through various grade levels. The law passed in Illinois in 2013 and has since been adopted in 38 states, helping students learn appropriate language for discussing difficult topics. Bailey also described the Mental Health Awareness Art Contest, which invites 6th-12th grade students to create artwork representing mental health, with approximately 40 students participating in recent years and prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 for first, second, and third place respectively. The program is in its fourth year and mentioned plans to potentially host an auction for both student and employee art, with proceeds potentially benefiting mental health initiatives or youth programs.

C. Kiwanis Club of Litchfield

When the scheduled presenter from Kiwanis Club of Litchfield couldn't attend due to weather, member Juliet Milton, provided an overview of Kiwanis clubs, explaining their structure and service projects focused on meeting community needs.

II. COMMITTEE ACTION STEPS

A. Community Program Support

The Health Department purchased harm reduction fidget tools for individuals who might self-harm. These have been distributed to all MCPHD counselors and now will begin ordering and distributing to all Macoupin County school districts for students. The meeting focused on discussing support for the guest speakers/community programs as well as continuing the laundry for families in need. The group discussed potential ways to support the Confetti Project, including organizing a donation drive or fundraiser, and Maria Clark suggested sharing resources with parents of children needing additional support. The discussion also highlighted gaps in specialized child services and counseling resources in the area, with participants noting the importance of follow-up support and referral services for affected youth.

B. Creating a Summer Sports Funding Program

The group discussed creating a program to provide funding or sponsorship for children who cannot afford sports activities during summer. Elyse agreed to research potential options and explore partnerships with local churches. The discussion highlighted the importance of keeping children engaged in positive activities to prevent negative outcomes.

III. AGENCY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ROSC will host a free laundry day event in Carlinville in May, with support from local fundraising efforts including the Macoupin County Indivisible Group and Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Gillespie. Lily from MCPHD promoted the upcoming Safe Families Golf Tournament on June 26th at Timberlake's Golf Course, which raises funds for victims of domestic violence and related services. Elyse also outlined plans for Mental Health Month activities, including setting up educational tables with mental health books in eight local libraries. The next meeting was rescheduled to May 18th, with the focus on transportation services, including a new grant to support individuals with mental health and substance use challenges.