**McLean County Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) April 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

***Date:*** Tuesday, April 28, 2026
***Time:*** 3:30 – 4:30 pm
***Location:*** Via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/96709486019)

***Attendees:***

1. Alisa Ndorongo-Fall - Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
2. Amy Hopper – McLean County Health Department
3. Andrea Kindseth – Life CIL
4. Cat Hays- Chestnut Health Systems, McLean ROSC
5. Cindy Alcazar – Heartland Community College
6. Kami Garrison – Chestnut Health Systems, Statewide ROSC
7. Kari Knapp – Chestnut Health Systems
8. Lauren Erickson – IL Faith & Recovery Collaborative, Chestnut Health Systems
9. Mary Campbell – Dreams Are Possible
10. Melissa Simmons – Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
11. Olivia Brownlee – Home Sweet Home Ministries
12. Rosie Abraham – Bloomington Public Library
13. Sandra Beecher – Gateway Foundation
14. Sarah Richardson – Gateway Foundation
15. Selena Pappas – Central IL Friends
16. Tasha Davis – Family Community Resource Center
17. Toy Beasley – IL Coalition to End Permanent Punishments
18. Wendy Klinkner – Allies Against Trafficking
19. Wes Harbison – Illinois State Police
20. William Blackburn – Illinois State Police
21. Cynthia Carter – Wayman AME Church
22. Michael Smith – IL Joining Forces

***Agenda Items:***

I. **Welcome & Attendance**
II. **Resource Spotlight: Clean Slate Act Implementation – facilitated by Toy Beasley, IL Coalition to End Permanent Punishments – *Reference Slides PDF***
   a. Belief that an arrest or conviction should not follow anyone for life
   b. Collateral Consequences vs. Permanent Punishments
      i. Solutions over problems
   c. Review of policy solutions

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i. Ban the box, sealing expansion, no cash bail, human rights act, just housing, free act, and now clean slate
ii. Illinois is now the 13th state with clean slate bill

d. Review of Clean Slate Illinois
    i. Clean Slate will automate the records relief process in IL, eliminating court backlogs, creating new opportunities for Illinoisans, and make it easier for qualified individuals to get well-paying jobs
    ii. If a person comes home from prison with a non-violent offense, 3 years later, their record will be wiped
    iii. Review of Clean Slate Checklist & Automated Sealing
    iv. Review of ineligible offenses (reference slides)
e. Toy Beasley Contact Information
    i. Central IL Regional Coordinator
    ii. tbeasley@endpp.org | (309) 310-3444

## III. Updates on Strategic Plan and Harm Reduction Efforts

a. Reducing Co-Occurring Disorder Stigma (strategic goal #1)
    i. Weekly social media posts focusing on increasing awareness of local solutions for co-occurring disorder treatment and recovery supports
    ii. Q4 training - Lillian Hatch | Thursday, June 4th | 3-5 pm | Chestnut Family Health Center (reference social media/attached flyer)
b. Promoting Harm Reduction (strategic goal #2)
    i. Continuing social media posts (weekly)
    ii. March 2026 Naloxone Training – was held at local Oxford House
    iii. At least 45 boxes of naloxone were distributed throughout Q3

## IV. Community Updates and Announcements

a. Wendy Klinker (Allies Against Trafficking) – invitation to be a part of Catholic Conversations Radio to discuss issue of human trafficking
b. Michael Smith (IL Joining Forces) – upcoming summits ***(see flyer)***
c. Amy Hopper (MCHD) – been working with Chestnut for Naloxone distribution; looking to place 3-4 inside and 2-4 outside Naloxone dispensers in the community – let Amy know if there is a location that these can be placed, particularly in rural areas
d. Andrea Kindseth (Life CIL) – Disability Peer Group that meets at Life CIL which meet once per month and also have a new low vision group that just started; this weekend is annual wheelchair basketball fundraiser at Eastview Christian Church – time is 9 AM; raffles, giveaways, etc. ***(see flyer)***

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e. Sarah Richardson (Gateway) – Gateway Foundation Bloomington Clinic was just certified with the state to be a Behavioral Health Center which means they have LCSW and LCPC's on site to provide onsite counseling
f. Selena Pappas (Central IL Friends) – working to expand gender affirming, sexual health, and mental health services in Bloomington area – CCHC clinic on Friday's
g. Rosie Abraham (Bloomington Public Library) – getting ready for summer reading (May 26-end of July); summer program guides forthcoming
h. Toy Beasley (Re-Entry Council) – upcoming re-entry fair this Saturday, May 2nd from 11-2 at Wayman AME Church – free food, games, and more ***(see flyer);*** Fully Free Blono – spoken word event at the McLean County Arts Center this Sunday, May 3rd from 3-6 PM (does require registration); and lastly, the Summit of Hope that will be at Interstate Center – Statewide Event – for folks that are on probation or parole ***(see flyer)***
i. Oliva Brownlee (Home Sweet Home Ministries) – opened new project called The Bridge (non-congregate shelter, individual sleeping cabins) – screenings for shelters have now been reopened on Tues/Thurs from 10-11 AM; AA Meeting held at The Junction on Friday evenings 6 pm

**V. McLean ROSC Updates & Successes**

a. **Planning Committee Update**
   i. Next meeting
      1. Friday, May 22nd, 4-5:30pm, In-Person at The Coffeehouse in Uptown Normal (IN PERSON ONLY)
   ii. For more details or if interested in joining, please contact Cat Hays via email: Cmhays@chestnut.org.
b. **Upcoming Outreach Events**
   i. McLean County Employee Wellness Fair
      1. Wednesday, April 29th 2026, 7-11 am, Grossinger Motors Area
   ii. 5th Annual MCRC Reentry Resource Fair
      1. Saturday, May 3, 2026, 11-2 pm, Wayman Ame Church, 803 W Olive St, Bloomington, IL
   iii. Mental Health Community Field Day
      1. Saturday, May 30, 2026, 11-2 pm, Normandy Village, 1100 Beech St, Normal, IL

**VI. Next Meeting – May 2026 (3rd Tuesday)**

a. Tuesday, May 19th, 2026
b. 3:30-4:30 Via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/96709486019)

**VII. Contact Info**

a. Kari Knapp, Associate Director of Community Health – kmknapp@chestnut.org

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b. Cat Hays, Community Health Specialist for Recovery Supports – cmhays@chestnut.org
c. Barb Brumleve, Community Health Specialist – bdbrumleve@chestnut.org
d. McLean County ROSC Team – McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com

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