

Clark County ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 16th, 2026

Location: HRC Forsythe Center

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Bobbye Scott, Clark County ROSC Council Coordinator; Jessica Parrell, Clark County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator; Adrienne Robinson, Substance Use Counselor, HRC; Beth Wright, Certified Peer Recovery Coach & Training Compliance Supervisor, Wabash Valley Recovery Center; Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center (via zoom); Dawn, Client Services Director, Choices (via zoom); Twon Smith, Life Center of Cumberland County, Clark County Office (via zoom); Amber Clark, Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator, Danville VA (via Zoom); Jason S., Council Member (via Zoom)

Discussion Summary

Welcome & Introductions

Bobbye Scott opened the meeting and welcomed the group. She noted that last month's meeting had to be rescheduled last-minute due to storms, and because the rescheduled date had very short notice, attendance was low so, this month's agenda closely mirrors June's. All attendees introduced themselves and their organizations (see Attendees above).

Recovery Navigator Update

Jessica Parrell reported low attendance at community groups recently, though she has had more contact with individuals in Casey and Marshall (Peers). Transportation remains a significant barrier: navigating the ride service is difficult, since mentioning a "doctor's appointment" flags the request for insurance verification, which can result in a denial code and require the ride to be rescheduled and paid for out of pocket, discouraging people from using the service at all. Outreach efforts have increased. The Narcan box previously located at the Casey Public Library was relocated to the Casey Pharmacie Shoppe, as the library location saw very little foot traffic; the pharmacy is expected to see more use.

Agency Updates

- Twon Smith (Life Center of Cumberland County, Clark County office): assists seniors and individuals with disabilities in accessing needed services and asked the group to refer anyone not currently getting services. Shared that colleague Nancy Snedeker is hosting a Veterans Expo at Harlan Hall in partnership with the Illinois Veterans Commission, bringing veteran service organizations together for a one-stop resource event.
- Amber Clark (Danville VA): confirmed the Veterans Expo will be held September 24th, 10:00 am–3:00 pm, at Harlan Hall in Marshall; she plans to attend.
- Kristin Davis (Family Guidance Center RSUPIC): no major updates as the new fiscal year begins. The organization offers Youth Mental Health First Aid training and is available to provide it on request; more updates to come as new fiscal-year initiatives get underway.
- Dawn (Choices): shared that Choices' largest annual fundraiser banquet is coming up September 19th; the organization is seeking sponsors and community donors, as it relies primarily on donations to fund its four centers (Casey, Paris, Mattoon, and Charleston).
- Beth Wright (Wabash Valley Recovery Center): reported a sizable clothing donation from Once Upon a Child for children in need, and about 50 refurbished bicycles recently received from the Putnam County prison bike-refurbishment program for distribution to the recovery community.

New Business

FY26 Impact Report: Bobbye was unable to screen-share due to a technical issue but will email the report along with other flyers and materials. Highlights include continued exploration/development of recovery court, harm reduction, and recovery housing; a successful recovery court panel event; distribution of 179+ Narcan boxes; training of 10+ community members on Narcan use and overdose awareness; 8 new Narcan distribution sites; and distribution of 50 fentanyl test strips (supplies and trainings remain available to any organization that needs them). Bobbye asked the council for feedback on the past year and priorities for FY27, since the strategic plan is due for renewal this fall. Beth noted she especially enjoyed community outreach events such as the Trunk-or-Treat.

United Way of the Wabash Valley Resource Guide: United Way reached out last month, having not previously been aware of the Clark County ROSC. Bobbye has joined their advisory council for a new, more extensively funded community resource guide; the group has reviewed ROSC's existing resource guide and provided feedback that will inform its update this year. Other participants include HRC, area school superintendents/principals, Hope, and the health department. Updates will follow as the guide develops.

Priority Projects & Next Steps

- Recovery court exploration & development: All FY26 objectives completed, including a successful panel event; working to maintain momentum.
- Harm reduction access & awareness: All FY26 objectives completed (see impact report figures above); ongoing.
- Recovery housing feasibility: Focus shifted this year toward the recovery court panel event, pushing back the housing timeline. Educational materials have been developed; a subcommittee meets every other month and has held informal discussions about the October 3rd event, after which the group plans to formalize a subcommittee focused specifically on recovery housing. The public education/NIMBY session has been pushed back to October 3rd (originally scheduled for June 30th). Funding sources remain an open question, as do state and local zoning/housing guidelines, which differ from Indiana's. FY26 summary report also pushed back to after October 3rd.
- Recovery Lives Here campaign: A new stigma-reduction campaign, just approved by the state, pairing recovery stories (written or video, with an option to remain anonymous) with local host businesses via a QR code linking to a shared story page. Stories collected so far include people in recovery from substances and other issues, a child of someone in recovery, and the local Celebrate Recovery leader; additional perspectives (law enforcement, behavioral health, etc.) are still needed for a well-rounded picture. The campaign culminates at the October 3rd Open House and Picnic at the Clark County Fairgrounds, which will also include a recovery-housing "open house" display and people available to share their stories in person. Four flyer versions (business partners, story recruitment, and general campaign/event) will be emailed to the council. A companion map of story locations is planned, with a social-media hashtag incentive (prize still to be determined).
- Possible re-entry simulation event at Harlan Hall, tentatively in the winter (discussed informally with Anissa Williams), intended to tie the recovery court and recovery housing initiatives together and build community understanding of the challenges of rebuilding life after incarceration or early recovery.
- Justice and Recovery Alliance: met the morning of this meeting, with one attendee via Zoom; meeting details are currently shared only with council members, but the group plans to begin promoting it more broadly and may shift its meeting date so it no longer falls the same morning as the ROSC Council meeting.
- Recovery court stakeholder engagement: Bobbye has prepared brief overview reports for judicial officials and the community and will begin distributing them locally, including to attorneys' offices. A meeting is scheduled with the State's Attorney, who supports recovery court and may be a candidate for the circuit judge role when the current judge retires in December.
- ROSC billboard: Now up at Archer Avenue and Route 1, one of the busiest intersections in town, through approximately February–March 2027, through a discounted partnership with Derek Sanders. The initial design features the Recovery Lives Here branding, logo, and phone number, with future designs to highlight specific events as they approach. Other organizations interested in similar promotion can also reach out to Derek Sanders.

Old Business

Autumn Fest Float Decorating Committee: Dates for Autumn Fest are set for September, though the parade theme has not yet been released. Bobbye will begin planning once the theme is announced; a trailer and truck are available for use. Organizations or individuals interested in joining the planning committee should email Bobbye directly.

Candlelight Vigil: A speaker has been secured — Brittany from Ruth House will share her experience with overdose awareness. The event is set for August 26th, 6:00–8:00 pm at the courthouse gazebo in Marshall. Attendees may bring a photo and/or brief bio of a loved one to honor, or bring one the evening of the event.

Laundry Day: Three organizations have newly stepped forward to sponsor Laundry Day dates: Casey Pharmacie Shop, Shore Murphy & Associates (Marshall), and Celebrate Recovery (Marshall). The next Laundry Day is August 5th; time still to be confirmed and added to the flyer.

Upcoming Outreach Events

- Laundry Day – August 5th (time TBD)
- Marshall's Night Out – August 14th, 5–9 pm, hosted by the Marshall Chamber of Commerce (vendor space available for health/behavioral health/recovery-related organizations)
- Annual Candlelight Vigil – August 26th, 6–8 pm, Courthouse Gazebo, Marshall
- Marshall Autumn Fest Parade – September 19th (volunteers needed for float decorating)
- Together for Veterans Expo, Harlan Hall – September 24th, 10 am–3 pm
- Walk to End Exploitation – September 26th, Clark County Courthouse
- Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic – October 3rd, Clark County Fairgrounds

Additional Discussion

Jason S. asked whether there is a central website where flyers and materials are posted. Bobbye confirmed ROSC currently shares materials primarily through Facebook and does not yet have its own website, but noted the state maintains a directory listing with every Illinois ROSC with contact info, meeting details, and flyers/events. Kristin Davis added that the state site was recently updated and is easier to navigate than before.

Amber Clark shared two additional outreach opportunities: (1) "Dine with a Doc," a statewide program typically hosted at senior centers, where a sponsored meal is followed by a guest speaker; she will be presenting on VA suicide prevention services in Casey on July 21st. Twon Smith noted she regularly participates in Clark County's Dine with a Doc sessions (Casey, third Tuesday; Marshall, second Friday at Trinity Methodist Church) and encouraged other agencies to take part, noting many seniors have adult children or grandchildren affected by substance use. (2) A Lowe's Home Improvement community program (roughly \$99/year) that sends a representative to perform routine home-maintenance tasks for seniors or others with mobility limitations; Amber will scan and send the flyer to Bobbye.

Dawn (Choices) noted her organization doesn't serve this population directly but recognizes that many grandparents are raising grandchildren affected by a parent's substance use, and agreed that cross-agency collaboration helps ensure families have access to all available resources.

Action Items

- Bobbye to email the FY26 Impact Report, Recovery Lives Here campaign flyers (4 versions), and other event flyers to the council.
- Council members to send Bobbye any FY26 feedback or FY27 priorities/ideas.
- Interested organizations to email Bobbye to join the Autumn Fest Float Decorating subcommittee.
- Continue seeking additional Recovery Lives Here story participants, particularly law enforcement and behavioral health perspectives.
- Amber Clark to send the Lowe's Home Improvement program flyer to Bobbye.
- Bobbye to confirm and communicate the time for the August 5th Laundry Day.
- Organizations interested in tabling at the Veterans Expo or Walk to End Exploitation should contact Bobbye for coordinator contact info.
- Continue planning for the October 3rd Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic, including securing table/chair/canopy and food donations.

Next Council Meeting

- August 20th, 2026 at HRC Forsythe Center, 10:00–11:00 am (date to be confirmed).

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