

Clark County ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 20th, 2026

Location: HRC Forsythe Center / Zoom

Time: 10:55 am – 11:36 am

Attendees: Bobbye Scott, Clark County ROSC Council Coordinator; Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center; Mariah Whitmer, HOPE of East Central Illinois, Domestic Violence Public Educator; Jason S., Council Member; Renee Myers Council Member; Carrie McKinzie, Alpharis Health.

Discussion Summary

Welcome & Introductions

Bobbye Scott led the meeting and attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. Mariah Whitmer shared plans to provide additional information next month regarding activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and Bobbye offered support for those efforts.

Recovery Navigator / Community Outreach Update

Jessica provided updates on recent outreach activities and resource distribution. The most recent Laundry Day was successful, serving 15 participants with 16 washes and 24 dries completed. HOPE of East Central IL contributed laundry detergent, and future sponsorship support has been secured from Celebrate Recovery and The Pharmacie Shop Casey. The group also discussed the possibility of holding a future Laundry Day in Casey if the new laundromat is completed in time.

Community Survey

Bobbye discussed plans for the upcoming community survey. Survey response numbers were lower than hoped for last year, so the council was asked to help develop creative ways to increase participation. Possible approaches included raffles and increased community outreach. Council members were encouraged to email, call, or text Bobbye with ideas for increasing participation.

Recovery Court & Justice System Collaboration

Bobbye reported on a recent positive meeting with the State's Attorney, who was receptive to recovery-related initiatives. Timing remains a consideration because of the upcoming judicial retirement and elections. The group also discussed adjusting Recovery Court meeting times to make participation easier for stakeholders.

Bobbye proposed developing a more coordinated process for introducing individuals entering the justice system to pretrial services, probation, HRC, and available recovery resources. The next step is to bring key stakeholders together and explore whether a Thursday morning meeting could work for probation and other participants. The goal is to establish regular communication with core department representatives and then expand community involvement as the initiative develops.

Priority Projects & Next Steps

- **Recovery court exploration & development:** FY26 objectives were reported as completed. Work continues on stakeholder engagement, meeting scheduling, and stronger connections among recovery resources, pretrial services, and probation.
- **Recovery housing feasibility:** Remaining housing-related objectives are focused on the upcoming Recovery Housing Open House and Picnic. Volunteers are needed for setup, teardown, and display stations, along with donations of door prizes and food.
- **Recovery Lives Here campaign:** Planning continues for the Recovery Housing and Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic on October 3rd. Bobbye will create and distribute a volunteer/task sign-up sheet. Churches and other community groups are exploring food contributions, and Richard Farm was suggested as another potential contact.
- **Community engagement:** The group discussed opportunities to involve high school students or individuals completing community service in Laundry Day activities and event setup.

Laundry Day

Laundry Day will continue on a quarterly basis. The discussion referenced the next event in early November, with sponsorship from the Marshall Celebrate Recovery Group and additional sponsored dates planned for February and May. Bobbye also expressed interest in involving student or probation-related community service volunteers in future Laundry Days and other event setup activities.

Old Business

Autumn Fest Float Decorating Committee: Planning continues for the Autumn Fest parade. The parade theme is America 250, and Bobbye asked the council for creative ways to connect that theme with recovery. Volunteers are needed for the float decorating committee, and Bobbye will distribute a sign-up sheet and parade lineup information. The group is also seeking candy and other donations for the float.

Candlelight Vigil: The upcoming Candlelight Vigil will feature Brittany Nesbitt from Ruth House as a speaker. Planning for the event continues as part of the council's upcoming outreach activities.

Upcoming Outreach Events

- Annual Candlelight Vigil – August 26th from 6-8 pm at Clark County Courthouse Gazebo in Marshall
- Marshall Autumn Fest Parade – September 19th time TBD
- Walk to End Exploitation – September 26th time TBD
- Recovery Housing and Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic – October 3rd from 12-4 at the Marshall Fairgrounds in Marshall
- Next quarterly Laundry Day – November 4th

Agency Updates

- **Mariah Whitmer (HOPE of East Central Illinois):** Shared that additional information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in October will be available next month.
- **Carrie McKinzie (Alpharis Health):** Announced that Gateway Foundation has officially changed its name to Alpharis Health. The referral process remains the same. Carrie also shared that Alpharis Health has expanded mental health services, including individual therapy and a full mental health program, with telehealth options available. Virtual substance-use treatment options include intensive outpatient programming and drug-testing options through mail-in testing or probation

services. Carrie will provide Bobbye with brochures or website information regarding the new mental health services.

MAR Provider Collaboration

Bobbye shared that a local MAR provider is now available and offered to connect Carrie with the provider for potential collaboration. Bobbye will send Carrie the provider information. Carrie also discussed potential collaboration with local justice-system partners around virtual treatment and drug-testing options.

Action Items

- Bobbye to send meeting minutes, committee sign-up sheets, upcoming event flyers, and Autumn Fest parade lineup information.
- Bobbye to contact the State's Attorney regarding possible dates and times for a meeting about connecting pretrial and probation participants with recovery resources and determine whether Thursday is feasible for probation.
- Bobbye to create and distribute a task/volunteer sign-up sheet for the October 3rd Recovery Housing and Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic.
- Bobbye to send Carrie information for the local MAR provider.
- Bobbye to distribute an Autumn Fest parade sign-up sheet and the Walk to End Exploitation flyer.
- Bobbye to seek door prizes, candy, and other donations for upcoming events and explore food donations for the October 3rd picnic.
- Bobbye to explore high school or probation community-service volunteers for Laundry Day and event setup.
- Carrie to provide information and materials about Alpharis Health's expanded mental health services.
- Mariah to provide updates next month regarding October Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.
- Council members to send Bobbye creative ideas for increasing community survey responses.
- Council members to volunteer for the Autumn Fest float committee and the October 3rd Open House and Picnic.

Additional Discussion

Bobbye informed the council of planned vacation from August 27th through September 2nd. Meeting minutes, event information, and committee sign-up materials will be distributed to help continue planning for the upcoming fall activities.

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