

DeWitt County ROSC Council - Official Meeting Minutes

Date / Time:	August 2026 Monthly Session	Location:	DeWitt County Health Department
Meeting Type:	Council & Community Coordination	Chair / Lead:	Margaret Memmott (ROSC Coordinator)
Attendees:	Toni Randall (Region 4), Kelsie Hall (PLE), Carmen Laham (MAR), Lindsey Eyre (Advocate), Sharon Mills (708), Tony Kirkman (PMHC), Alex Marks (PLE), Linda Coleman (Advocate), Jamie Porter (PMHC), Ben Lowers (Police Department)		

1. Opening & Meeting Protocols

Margaret formally called the meeting to order and reaffirmed the core operating standards for ROSC council proceedings:

- **Meeting Expectations:** Discussion must remain recovery-focused, with participants respecting public speakers by avoiding interruptions or questions during remarks.
- **ROSC Membership Protocols:** Reviewed expectations regarding participant privacy, nonjudgmental behavior, stigma reduction, and responsible sharing of personal recovery stories. Updated membership forms were distributed for signatures.

2. Harm Reduction, Community Outreach & Recovery Support

- **Naloxone Infrastructure & Training:** Reviewed efforts to schedule community naloxone trainings at Farmer City Library and other community locations. Potential partners include the Mental Health Board, American Legion, EMT sites, fire departments, and veteran/youth serving organizations. Margaret outlined plans to inspect existing naloxone boxes and conduct public outreach.
- **Recovery Meetings & Funding:** Training-of-trainer groups and recovery meetings are progressing with strong attendance. Margaret shared that the NA meeting in town is doing well. Margaret planned to apply to the Lonely Prairie Community Foundation for funding/donations for additional recovery literature.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Outreach at the Friendship Center and Weldon Homecoming successfully distributed Narcan, prevention materials, and promotional items.
 - Linda Coleman reported positive interest from Adult and Teen Challenge following a car show; council agreed to attend future car shows to broaden community outreach.

- Upcoming outreach includes a Rotary presentation on ROSC service metrics, promotion of the Recovery Walk, and preparations for the August 29 Candlelight Vigil (confirming participants, snacks, and memorial photos).

3. ROSC Community Survey Revisions

The council reviewed the draft DeWitt County ROSC survey measuring treatment access, harm reduction, equity, recovery supports, and stigma over time.

State Alignment (Margaret & Toni Randall): Questions 3 and 5 will be removed and split into separate state-defined questions to strictly align with state requirements. Target deadline for submission and approval is month-end.

4. Annual Banquet Planning (September 5)

Preparations were finalized for the banquet at the Country Club:

- **Program:** Includes the TED Award, resource table, and keynote presentation, guest speaker.
- **Volunteers:** Alex Marks agreed to serve as guest greeter. Additional volunteer roles were assigned for agenda distribution, table dismissal for the buffet, and setup assistance. Margaret and Tony Kirman will review final timing and agenda flow.

5. Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Findings

Tony Kirkman presented key findings from the biennial Illinois Youth Survey across county, district, state, and historical levels:

Domain / Topic	Key Findings & Observations
Participation & Demographics	Substantial increase in overall student participation. Demographic measures remained steady, though an increase in time spent alone was reported.
Substance Use Trends	Overall declines in past-30-day use across most grades. Exceptions include higher cigarette use and binge drinking among 12th graders, and higher 8th-grade binge drinking rates.
Age of Initiation	Earlier initiation identified as a primary prevention concern (vaping and marijuana). Increased consumption of alcohol from bottles, cans, or kegs noted.
Marijuana & Health Metrics	Rise in marijuana vaping and new data showing THC-infused drink consumption in 10th and 12th grades. Reports of marijuana-related

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	vomiting highlight the need for differentiated prevention and recovery supports.
Norms & Family Dynamics	Fewer students believe substance use is common among peers (substance-free behavior becoming normalized). Declines noted in parent conversations about impaired driving and clear household substance rules.

6. Action Item Registry

Assignee	Action Item / Task	Target Date
Margaret	Inspect local naloxone boxes and submit grant application to Lonely Prairie Community Foundation.	Prior to Aug 29
Margaret & Toni Randall	Revise ROSC survey (remove Q3/Q5, align exact state wording) and submit for state approval.	End of Month
Outreach Team	Prepare Rotary presentation, business cards, and flyers for Recovery Walk & Vigil.	Immediate
Alex Marks & Volunteers	Execute volunteer assignments and setup for Sept 5 Banquet at Country Club.	Sept 5, 2026