



Bond County Recovery Council September 9th Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Cheyney Evans, Mark Knott, Dusty Hanner, Elyse Schoen, Tracy Dones, Jessica Palazzo, Bev Holland, Patrice White, Lindsay Minor, and Angella Holloway
2. **Presentation:** No presentation this month.
3. **ROSC Updates:**
 - a. New coordinator for the project will be starting September 21st.
 - b. Community Table Meal – Next one is September 16th. Looking for volunteers to assist with set-up/clean-up.
 - c. Laundry Day – Next one is October 3rd
 - d. Family Game Night – Resuming in October, more updates to come.
4. **Review & Discussion:**
 - a. Evaluation Survey – Internal survey had 8 responses, mostly from people that have been a part of the council for a long time (1-3 years), most of which participate in the work groups. The most common area for improvement mentioned was to hire a new coordinator, which should be resolved with the new coordinator starting on September 21st!
 - b. Recovery Month activities
 - i. Overdose Awareness Day – held on August 31st and went very well. There were approximately 80 attendees and several resource tables from community partners.
 - ii. Additional activities will be held over this month including the recovery walk/picnic hosted by Prairie Counseling Center (Sept. 12th) and the Prayer Vigil (Sept. 9th). We will also be sharing some stigma reduction messaging on the BCRC Facebook page.
 - c. Community Survey – distribution plan discussion:
 - i. Please share the survey link with your networks! Participants should live or work in Bond County.
 - ii. Ideas to get people engaged in promoting the survey: using business bulletin boards at food pantries, hospitals, churches, etc. Ask partners to keep a QR code at their booths at events, Dr's offices, the Senior Center, movie theaters, Laundromat during free laundry days.
 - iii. Patrice offered to share with the local radio station, and Dusty will be picking up paper copies to distribute when she is working in the community.
 - iv. Other suggestions were to offer a small incentive to people for engaging in the survey. Potential to partner with local businesses to offer that incentive or advertise the survey. BCRC staff will follow up to identify a community partner

that would be willing to sponsor an incentive. If you or someone you know would be willing to sponsor, please reach out to bcrc@chestnut.org.

5. Strategic Plan Work Group Updates:

- a. RCO Development and Equity & Inclusion in Rural Communities Work Groups- Time and date for these will be set up soon.
- b. Stigma Work Group- meets the 4th Thursday of each month at Vicki's Diner in Greenville from 8:30-9:30am. **Next meeting is September 24th.**
- c. Advisory Board for People with Lived Experience. Meets the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm at Senior Center in Greenville. \$20 gift cards available for peers who attend. **Next meeting is October 7th.**

6. Updates from any Partner Groups & Organizations:

- a. TAC is conducting a Social Media Campaign for Suicide and Overdose awareness and Recovery Month. Any organizations who provide support to Clinton County and wish to be involved are welcome to reach out at tac@chestnut.org
- b. Rockin' For Recovery on September 19th in Bethalto from Noon -6pm.
- c. Edens Glory is hosting a human trafficking 101 training, they will also be hosting a training event in October, Practically Talking About Autism. (Fliers attached.)

Next Meeting will be October 14, 2026 from 10-11:00am via ZOOM only.

BCRC Vision: Working together to build and maintain safer and healthier communities of recovery and hope.

BCRC Mission: To empower the Bond County communities to support prevention and recovery through awareness, policy, education, stigma reduction and access to quality services.