

Take Action Coalition (TAC)

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026



Attendance: Sara Smith, Kurt Dunbar, Anjela Briones, Brett Nollman, Jessica Palazzolo, Conswala Jones, Logan Gardner, Tracy Dones, Michaela Wharton, Carrie McKenzie, Carla Huelsmann, Sheridan Jordan, Alexa Plant, Cheyney Evans, Mark Knott

Presentation: Tracy Dones with the CCE Faith and Recovery Collaborative

- Tracy provided an overview of the Illinois Faith & Recovery Collaborative, which works to support and empower faith communities in helping individuals and families affected by substance use and mental health concerns.
- Faith communities are often among the first places individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders and mental health conditions turn to for support.
- Tracy emphasized that faith communities have an opportunity to make a significant impact in increasing recovery and mental health support within their communities.
- Discussion was had about what churches we could potentially engage in the Faith & Recovery Collab.

Review/Discussion Items:

- Internal Survey due Friday 8/21/26
- Community Needs Survey Questions
 - Discussed the questions as a coalition to see what the most important information is to collect. We added answers to these questions such as transportation being a barrier to many in our rural community... Drug Court participants/volunteers discussed their own personal experiences with struggling to find transportation to mandatory appointments, meetings and other important events.
- Went to libraries in Trenton, New Baden, Germantown and Breese to update brochure racks
 - Followed up with New Baden about scheduling a NARCAN training
 - Trenton did not respond, Breese and Germantown have already been trained, will ask Case-Halstead Library in Carlyle at next meeting.

Start looking at upcoming events and awareness months

Overdose Awareness Day – Aug 31st

- Fairview Park – MONDAY, Aug 31st from 6-8pm, Setup starts at 5pm
- DJ is secured - Brandi Overturf
- Contacted media –WJBD, Sentinel and Union Banner & Breese Journal
- Good Vibes Café & Monical's will supply us with a donation for food. SSM will be providing dessert for the event.
- CRC has most updated list of entities invited to attend OAD
- Timeline is set for the event:
 - Welcome.....Melissa Mallow - Marion Co. Health Dept.
 - Georgianne.....remarks
 - Sheridan.....remarks
 - Speakers
 - 6:15 Jared
 - 6:30 Rob (Marion Co. Drug Court Support Board)
 - 6:45 Ani (Clinton Co. Drug Court)
 - Tribute table/Moment of silence
 - Song....Morgan
 - Morgan/Jax remarks/ CRC Raffle (Not affiliated with TAC)

Recovery Month/Suicide Prevention Month (September)

- Recovery Stories Campaign
 - **Goal** - Humanize recovery by sharing authentic stories that challenge stereotypes and show that recovery is possible.
 - **Found all our story tellers**
- The month highlights one organization/entity/facility in the area that focuses on recovery efforts.

Updates:

- New brochures!!
- Went to HSHS ED and collaborated with staff on:
 - Brochure rack in ED Waiting room
 - Possibility of Naloxone dispenser in entrance/waiting room area
 - Stigma reduction presentation at staff training
 - The start of collaboration of warm handoff

Stigma reduction work group:

Second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm

- *Upcoming meeting September 10th*

Come if you want to be part of the planning committee for stigma breaking events!

Council Sharing: No comments

Meeting adjourned.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and shared.

Our Next meeting will be September 15th, 2026.

IN PERSON at Case-Halstead Library

550 6th St, Carlyle, IL 62231 Conference room to left of entrance.

& ON ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/96744943725>

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TAC Mission:

Cohesive partners developing comprehensive strategies involving education & prevention, law enforcement, family support, treatment and recovery services.

TAC Vision:

Reduce the impact and stigma of substance use and mental health among the residents of Clinton County.