

Take Action Coalition (TAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2026



Attendance: Kurt Dunbar, Anjela Briones, Brett Nollman, Conswala Jones, Elena Xiong, Tracy Dones, Michaela Wharton, Sheridan Jordan, Alexa Plant, Cheyney Evans, Lori Yarbrough, Kelly Gaskill, Tracy Dones, John Evilsisor

Presentation: No presentation this month

Review/Discussion Items:

- Discussed moving the set time for this meeting from the 20th to the 27th in October due to the statewide meeting being held the same day.
- **Community Needs Survey**
 - Need to reach 1% of population = roughly 370 people
 - Must be members of the community that take the survey = either live or work here
 - Come up with plan for dissemination
 - Events coming up we can share survey at
 - Food Pantries
 - Doctor- Health Fair
 - Senior Center
 - Schools
 - Who are our partners & volunteers?
 - Elena -Hoyleton Youth and Family Services offered to disburse the survey at public entities in Breese, as well as ask permission from the school if
 - Michaela from Amy Center offered to display QR code survey in satellite office in Centralia.
 - Jax offered Carlyle CRC for survey location
 - Boosted social Media post
 - Incentive provided by Illinois Recovery Center for drawing at the end of the survey – Two \$50 visa gift cards for two winners
 - Discussed giving a weekly update of total number of surveys taken.

Overdose Awareness Day – Aug 31st

- Big success
- 15 resource tables
- 3 testimonies

- 120 attendees
- Tribute Table was beautiful and full of loved and never-forgotten faces.
- Food donated to the event by Monical's, Good Vibes, and SSM provided sweets
- Centralia Youth Commission volunteered

Recovery Month/Suicide Prevention Month (September)

- Recovery Stories Campaign
- Organization Highlight Campaign
 - Amy Center, Marshmallow's Hope, St. Josephs Hospital, Illinois Recovery Center, SAFE, BCMW, Celebrate Recovery Centralia, PreCcovery Project
- Facebook analytics were presented by Alexa on how our September Campaign is going so far. The campaign has been helping build some momentum on our Facebook page, especially when organizations and people with lived experience share the posts. Our boosted OAD post was the most engaged-with piece of content we put out, and the traction has remained steady throughout the campaign.

Updates:

Discussed plans for a November recovery-focused event inspired by the theme of gratitude for recovery. The event will include a gratitude wall where attendees can share positive messages, as well as desserts and pies rather than a full meal. The goal is to provide refreshments to encourage attendance and create a welcoming, comfortable environment. The event will also feature community resources, Narcan, and personal recovery testimonies.

A location is currently being looked for. A venue needs to be secured by October 1st to allow adequate time for planning and preparation without rushing.

Stigma reduction work group:

Second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm

- *Upcoming meeting October 8th*

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 October 27th, 2026.
IN PERSON at Clinton County Health Department**

& 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 Canton County.