



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time/Location: 9/14/26 @ noon. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting
- Location: 1307 State Highway 109. Jerseyville, IL. 62052
- Next Meeting: 10/12/26
- Attendance:
 - Rita Robertson
 - Rachel Klocke
 - Becky Shipley
 - Anne Bernal
 - Nicholas Settles
 - Heidi Carter
 - Toni Randall
 - Erika Hahn
 - Sarah Crawford
 - Keppen Clanton
 - Jon Magnusum
 - Emily Simpson
 - Gregory Santoni
 - Amanda Taul
 - Kelsey from Green Co. ROSC

Guest Speaker Jon from the Next Network

Jon from the Next Network, an MCO in Litchfield IL joined us this month to discuss his needle exchange program. The Jersey County Health Department received a sharps grant within the last year and have been collecting quite a few needles through it and considered expanding its harm reduction services. Jon shared that through private grants, he is able to provide clean needles in exchange for dirty and used ones, and has been successful in doing so by providing incentives. He is unable to purchase needles through state and federal grants but stated health departments may have different rules. He is also partnering with Chestnut systems for safe use supplies. He stated that working with grants needs to be taken into consideration, and he calls his an Overdose prevention program. He suggests pushing out more information regarding the health department's sharps disposal to get the word out there and to still look into the grants for health departments. Health department is to further look into a program to offer more harm reduction supplies.

September Awareness Month

Our first overdose event was a huge success. We were able to provide food thanks to generous donations from the Yoder family, beautiful testimonies were shared, connections were made, and the weather was in our favor. NAMI was an organization that attended and wrote a wonderful article on the event, Narcan and made anti-stigma statements in it. Check it out on the riverbender: [RiverBender Blog: I Volunteered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness | RiverBender.com](#). A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to help in any way that they could, or attended the event.

September happenings around the county: purple pinwheels and ribbons are being distributed at the library, Plaza laundry and the health department to show support for recovery this month. Check out the courthouse pathway being lit up purple! We will be celebrating save a life day on 9/24 and will also be joining the library block party and sharing our "recovery rocks" with people! Look out for stickers at local drink shops too.

Literacy Box Review

In attempt to educate the community and gain more partnerships with more sectors, we are working on creating SUD/MH literacy boxes with ROSC materials, FAQ on SUD, community resources specific to each sector group. Hopeful to complete this month. If someone you may know would benefit from one of these boxes reach out to Rachel. Currently have several churches on the list, as well as JCH primary care, MH and ER, Police departments, SRO's, judicial, and other therapists. The goal is to share how we can partner with each other and provide support.

Deliverables Updates

Survey is out and about. Please remind your friends, family, coworkers to take this survey, as it will help us in planning future efforts for ROSC work. The community resource list is to be updated and is due 10/30. Attached to email- be sure to look at it and email Rachel with any changes or additions.

Recovery Navigator and Project Coordinator Updates

The new term has begun with Americorps. We partnered with them last year to bring a much needed recovery peer to Jersey County. He has been working with individuals reaching out to him, with drug court participants, persons detained, etc. In his first week he has already visited someone at the Jail and was called by the hospital to assist with someone. If Nick can help anyone, please reach out! A project coordinator (Anne Bernal) has joined as well- part time. She is planning to work on a coping skills project in the next term. She is willing to present to any sector or group that would benefit from this!

FY 27 Goal Planning

Will continue with:

- Increasing service delivery by facilitating discussions among community sectors (goal is to form strong partnership with JCH this year)- Who else do you want to see us reach??
- Reducing Stigma through community education and trainings/ projects
- Increasing awareness of and access to local recovery supports
- Adding additional Narcan sites throughout the county

Will work on:

- Strengthening law enforcement partnerships to continue to provide support
- Forming more partnerships with local and nearby sectors-JCH is a big one (going to work with Sacred Spaces on an anti-stigma viewing- stay tuned)
- Providing support for youth prevention programs (implement handle with care program? Work on providing youth support groups and or resources?) Thinking of creating coping kits for students (will include coping mechanisms and how to develop healthy coping skills vs turning to substances to cope, as well as resources and support services.) If you would like to join us in brainstorming and planning, or providing feedback/resources, please reach out to Rachel!
- Forming a volunteer transportation program?

All of these have been areas in need that have arose in meetings or conversation. Please let us know further gaps that we can help close.

Council News

- Rockin for Recovery in Bethalto, IL.
- 9/22: Noon- BASE Campaign focus group. Please reach out to K.L. Short for information and to register
- 9/24: Library's Neighborhood Block Party- Recovery Rocks Craft
- 9/24: Save a life day
- 9/25: Free Laundry Day @ Plaza Laundry. Donations provided by Maddie Hickson's Lemonade Stand
- 9/30: International Recovery Day
- Illinois Family Resource Center has several free virtual workshops available and open to families, caregivers or members of the community featuring trainings focused on family engagement, mental health, SUD, recovery, wellness, prevention