



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time/Location: 8/10/26 @ noon. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting
- Location: 1307 State Highway 109. Jerseyville, IL. 62052
- Next Meeting: 9/14/26
- Attendance:
 - Rita Robertson
 - Rachel Klocke
 - Becky Shipley
 - Meaghan McGlasson
 - Nicholas Settles
 - Codi Poe
 - Heidi Carter
 - Carrie McKenzie
 - Marc Lane
 - Toni Randall
 - Elyse Schoen
 - Lindsey Minor
 - Shannon Tewell
 - Dustin Percy
 - Dusty Hanner
 - Erika Hahn
 - Erin Hileman

Announcements and agenda

Rachel outlined meeting goals and upcoming events: Elyse's youth program presentation, FY27 strategic planning review, survey question review, an overdose awareness event update, and other upcoming items.

Info regarding survey questions will be coming via email since we were not able to review in our meeting. Please provide any input

Guest Speaker: Elyse Schoen

Elyse Schoen from Macoupin/Montgomery ROSC summarized the ROSC's 2021 start and the strategic pivot toward prevention due to rising youth substance use and mental-health needs; she introduced the Illinois RCCA regional coalition (Region 3) as the mechanism used to identify regional priorities and collaboratively write grants that directly benefit your community.

BASE-funded school and library programming

Using BACE funds the Macoupin/Montgomery ROSC hired a health educator to teach harm-reduction-oriented prevention curricula (including Stanford REACH) in county schools, created Handle With Care teams, supplied age-appropriate support bags, and partnered with 11 libraries to continue programming during summer months.

Handle With Care implementation and tools

The group described the rationale for early prevention (average substance-use onset around age 13) and the need to teach coping skills; they detailed Handle With Care adoption in four schools, team responses, and the procurement and distribution of harm-reduction items like "ouchies" to counselors with reported positive outcomes for at least one student.

Youth peer council, events, and engagement outcomes

The ROSC formed a youth peer advisory council to identify school-level substance and mental-health trends, lead awareness campaigns and quarterly events (health and wellness days, guest speakers, Red Ribbon Week, teen dating violence events), pursue peer-support training, run school back-to-school bashes, attend career days, and host a mental-health art contest that drew around 40 student submissions and community voting.

Narcan adoption and school training

Elyse explained that Illinois passed a requirement for Narcan in schools in 2026 and that her organization placed Narcan in local schools and arranged staff training. She described community pushback two years earlier and a subsequent reversal where a school requested training, demonstrating increased acceptance.

Student peer training and materials

Lindsay described a peer-training model where trained students then taught classmates during health class and showed a student packet with tool

descriptions and resource contacts for students. Elyse and Rachel emphasized the importance of training students as well as staff.

Coalition priorities and events planning

Rachel reviewed coalition goals for the next fiscal year including exploring a needle exchange program interest by the Health Department. Attempts to reach Jon from the Next Network to explain their process, increasing local meetings and SMART certification support, and planning an anti-stigma event with a peer panel, a film screening, and a resource fair pending venue availability.

Outreach, EMS connections, and outreach logistics

Rachel described efforts to reconnect with JCHER EMS after turnover in ER leadership and discussed how the coalition can support EMS by providing resources and facilitating partnerships with clinical staff. This is a big goal over the next year, as well as connecting further with providers at jch both primary and psych.

Transportation challenges and recovery supports

The group discussed tri-county transit requiring day-ahead booking and small fees, sheriff and probation transport possibilities, and faith-based groups offering transportation when coordinated in advance; Rachel emphasized that successful transport often depends on multiple organizations working together. Members discussed launching Celebrate Recovery sites as a gradual, stigma-sensitive effort to provide holistic support for people seeking life change beyond sobriety.

Survey questions and distribution

Rachel explained the annual community survey process, noted the state supplies some questions while the group can submit additional ones, said the question set changed to 13 items this year, and committed to sending the full list to attendees for review and suggested additions. WILL BE SENT IN EMAIL- PLEASE REVIEW AND ADD INPUT ON WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW FROM OUR COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF NEEDS AND KNOWLEDGE BARRIES WITH MH/SUD RESOURCES.

Recovery navigator operations and outreach tactics

Rachel described Nick resuming recovery navigation next month after a break, plans to follow up with jail contacts and is hopeful to introduce support in the ER.

Overdose awareness event planning and resources

Rachel outlined the end-of-month overdose awareness event, including a donor funding food, Pastor Holly providing an opening prayer, Nick speaking, a recovering social worker from Locust Street sharing her story and participating musically, open mic opportunities, confirmed and prospective resource booths (NAMI, Centerstone, New Vision, Koen Counseling and Wellness, Locust Street, Al-Anon), creation of a memorial display with photos and names, and a request that attendees help promote the event.

Data sharing and related meetings

Rachel reported receiving coroner data on overdoses in Jersey County for the past five years and offered to share that information, and she said she and Nick will meet with Julie Bruger to discuss Crisis Mobile expansion and review referrals, with Megan Tyler connected to resource navigation expansion to be discussed next week.

Recovery Awareness Month activities and community events

Rachel proposed plans for Recovery Awareness Month in September including creating substance-use and mental-health literacy boxes for businesses and churches, partnering with coffee shops for stigma reduction (stickers or a themed drink), and hosting a community bowling night, and she requested additional ideas from attendees.

Grief-share group announcement and meeting close

Rachel announced a recovery grief-share group starting 8/17 at GotFaith meeting Mondays 6–8 through November, said she will send participation details, thanked attendees, encouraged promotion of events, and closed the meeting.