

Clark County ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2026

Location: HRC Forsythe Center / Zoom

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Bobbye Scott, Clark County ROSC Council Coordinator; Jessica Parrill, Clark County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator; Toni Randall, Technical Assistant, Statewide ROSC Region 4; Mariah Whitmer, HOPE of East Central Illinois; Brandy Rhoads, Nurse Practitioner and MAR Provider, Clark County; Amber Clark, VA.

Discussion Summary

Welcome & Introductions

Bobbye Scott led the meeting and attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. Mariah Whitmer represented HOPE of East Central Illinois, Brandy introduced herself as a nurse practitioner and MAR provider serving Clark County, and Toni Randall introduced herself as a technical assistant for the statewide ROSC, Region 4.

Recovery Navigator / Community Outreach Update

Jessica shared that the Recovery Navigator education sessions at Clark County Jail will move from weekly to twice per month. The reduced schedule will allow more time for community outreach. Bobbye will finalize the new schedule and determine what the expanded outreach will look like.

Community Survey

Bobbye raised concerns about low participation in the annual community survey, which received only 160 responses last year, below the council's target. The group discussed incentives to increase responses, including barbecue packages, meat packages, gift certificates from local businesses, and family pool passes. Local businesses such as Casey Coffee and Gypsy Queen Coffee were suggested as possible gift certificate sponsors.

Community Resource Guide

Bobbye invited attendees to review the Community Resource Guide and send any updates to their organization's information. The ROSC Council continues to collaborate with the United Way of the Wabash Valley on a unified resource guide.

Community Engagement

- **Recovery Lives Here campaign / Open House & Picnic:** Planning continues for the Recovery Housing and Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic on October 3rd at the Marshall Fairgrounds. Brandy confirmed tables and chairs are available in one of the barns and offered to help with setup and bring additional tables. Setup will begin the night before, October 2nd. Crazy Eights will provide pulled pork sandwiches, to be picked up Friday. Borrowed roasters and additional refrigerator space will be used for food storage. Recovery homes will present brief descriptions of their intake

processes at the October 3rd event. Bobbye will send project descriptions to anyone interested in helping with the event displays.

- **Harm reduction access & awareness:** The group discussed setting up pop-up resource tables with overdose (Narcan) kits at housing communities in the county.
- **Community Events:** The group discussed partnering with existing local events to reach more community members. Amber suggested a fall event at a pumpkin patch. Other opportunities discussed included a booth at Marshall's haunted hayride at Mill Creek, winter activities during Holly Days, and coordinating with other organizations on indoor winter events. Brandy also suggested sponsoring a free swim night at the pool next year as a marketing opportunity; liability concerns were noted.

ROSC Council Membership & Sector Engagement

The group discussed challenges in expanding ROSC Council participation. Meeting attendance remains low despite changing the meeting day and time. Jessica shared that it has been difficult to engage police departments and other organizations, and that personal, in-person outreach has been most effective. Bringing food or small items when visiting providers has helped them remember and engage with council services, and Brandy agreed this creates memorable interactions with potential partners.

Jessica will begin outreach to churches, organized by town, to recruit new ROSC Council members, and Bobbye will research how other ROSC Councils engage sectors such as law enforcement and medical providers.

Laundry Day

The next quarterly Laundry Day is scheduled for November 4th and will be sponsored by Celebrate Recovery. Sponsorship for future dates is always welcome.

Old Business

Autumn Fest Parade: Bobbye will reach out to everyone participating once she knows the location of the float for everyone to meet.

Upcoming Partner Events: The group reviewed the Together for Veterans Expo and the Walk to End Exploitation, noting scheduling conflicts for Jessica and the opportunity for ROSC Council members to be involved.

Upcoming Outreach Events

- Together for Veterans Expo— September 24th at Harlan Hall
- Walk to End Exploitation – September 26th at the Clark County Courthouse
- Recovery Housing and Recovery Lives Here Open House and Picnic – October 3rd from 12-4 at the Marshall Fairgrounds in Marshall (setup begins October 2nd)
- Survivor Letter Writing Event – October 9th at Marshall Public Library
- Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil – October 14th 5-7pm at Twin Lakes West Lake Spicer Pavilion
- Next Laundry Day – November 4th, sponsored by Celebrate Recovery

Agency Updates

- **Mariah Whitmer (HOPE of East Central Illinois):** Announced Domestic Violence Awareness Month events in October, including a survivor letter writing event at Marshall Public Library on October 9th and a vigil in Paris on October 14th. Mariah will send out the letter writing event flyer.
- **Brandy (MAR Provider):** Offered to assist with Open House and Picnic setup and tables, and to connect Bobbye with Mill Creek Meats and the Marshall High School drama club. Bobbye will follow up with Brandy about coordinating with Alpharis Health (formerly Gateway) on services and potential collaboration.

Action Items

- Jessica to finalize the new twice-monthly Recovery Navigator community education session schedule and plan expanded outreach.
- Bobbye to contact Paul Boyer (Celebrate Recovery) about using church resources, such as tables and chairs, for the picnic.
- Bobbye to text Brandy to arrange Open House and Picnic setup on October 2nd, the night before the event.
- Bobbye to contact Mill Creek Meats about sponsoring a meat package for the survey giveaway.
- ROSC Council members to contact local businesses, such as Casey Coffee and Gypsy Queen Coffee, about sponsoring gift certificates for the survey giveaway.
- Bobbye to research and implement strategies to increase survey responses, including securing giveaways such as barbecue supplies, pool passes, and meat packages.
- Jessica to begin church outreach, organized by town, to recruit new ROSC Council members.
- Bobbye to send project descriptions to anyone interested in helping with Open House and Picnic displays.
- Bobbye to research how other ROSC Councils engage sectors such as law enforcement.
- Bobbye to follow up with Brandy about coordinating with Alpharis Health (formerly Gateway).
- Mariah to send out the flyer for the survivor letter writing event at Marshall Public Library.
- ROSC Council members to review the Community Resource Guide and send updates to Bobbye.

Minutes prepared by: Bobbye Scott, Clark County ROSC Council Coordinator