



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time/Location: 10/12/26 @ noon. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting
- Location: 1307 State Highway 109. Jerseyville, IL. 62052
- Next Meeting: 11/9/26
- Attendance:
 - Rita Robertson
 - Rachel Klocke
 - Toni Randall
 - Erika Hahn
 - Sarah Crawford
 - Keppen Clanton
 - Emily Simpson
 - Gregory Santoni
 - Amanda Phelps
 - Nathan Bishop
 - Erin Hileman
 - Carrie McKinzie
 - Julie Smith

Introductions and Organizational Updates

The meeting focused on strengthening local recovery, mental-health, and community support resources.

- ROSC prioritized youth support, community connection, and stigma reduction.

Rachel explained ROSC's role in connecting service providers and invited participants to share organizational needs after the guest speaker canceled.

Carrie McKinzie from Alphas Health (formerly Gateway) announced the availability of individual mental-health therapy for people ages 13 and older and offered to send Rachel information about a free training.

Emily from Koen Counseling & Wellness shared that more therapists have been hired and they are working through their waitlist.

Rita shared the approval of Handle With Care Programs in the school systems, which provides comfort bags and discreet notifications to help schools support students affected by trauma. K.L. Short from the BASE project and Chestnut Health systems has been helping us with this and has provided us with 20 bags for police. Piloting the handle with care program at JCAP and the Middle School.

Julie, JCH CNO, shared hospital challenges involving unhoused people and mental health placements.

Nathan- EMT Coordinator, shared Mental Health First Aid's crisis-recognition, empathetic-response, and resource-referral focus, along with the available adult and adult-to-youth courses. Nathan hosts the MHFA classes regularly and will let Rachel know when the next course is taking place. He has also been working on getting certified in teen MHFA training to provide peer to peer support in schools- project for 2027. Connection made with Rita when he will start this, as 5% of staff needs to be trained as well in order to participate in the program.

Amanda announced a new Sunday evening women's meeting and offered free basic-text workbooks to attendees who need them. Erika shared free materials for the October 24 DEA drug take-back day, and Rachel said she would contact her about additional disposal pouches.

Rachel received three public access Narcan boxes from Chestnut. One will be installed at the health department and another at Koen counseling in their unlocked foyer, to allow for 24/7 access. One more box remains, let's help it find a home!

ROSC Priorities and Community Resource Distribution

Rachel outlined emerging priorities around youth support, community partnerships, and stigma reduction while noting that formal goals awaited further survey feedback.

Rachcel met with Carly just prior to the meeting, offering resources and identified the support the ER could use. Will work on creating a housing resource, as well as packets to send with people and their families with recovery based resources. Discussed implementation of Recovery Peer support for persons coming in with SUD related issues. Will connect Nick with them once he returns from paternity leave. Participants discussed resource needs and ways to distribute updated information through printed materials and QR codes in healthcare and public locations.

Additional Youth Support Projects

Rachel identified coping kits for high school students as a project for the coming year. She also described plans to connect with a student interested in becoming a school recovery peer.

Charlie Health as a Community Resource

Rachel explored whether Charlie Health could address local service needs and described plans to meet with a representative. Amanda outlined the program's services and referral pathways, while Emily and Rachel discussed how it might complement existing providers and help people facing wait lists.

Recovery Navigation and Community Resources

Rachel described the recovery navigator's work with drug court participants and the possibility of expanding support for emergency-department warm handoffs. She also invited suggestions for Narcan box locations and noted that Dusty from Chestnut could provide training or participate in events. **Dusty's email is: dmhanner@chestnut.org**

Laundry Funding and Potential Partnerships

Rachel reported that the growing free laundry program had run out of funds for wash-and-dry quarters. Emily, Amanda, and Rachel discussed prospective community donors and partner organizations, and Amanda committed to contacting Riverbend Family Ministries about possible donations.

Recovery Café

Rachel shared details about a recovery café planned for November 20 and said she would circulate further information when available.

Clinic Needs and Health Class Outreach

Erinn identified transportation, housing, employment, and GED support as needs for patients at the medication-assisted recovery clinic. The group also discussed a possible second-chance hiring fair and a health-class connection for community speakers and training, including Narcan and EpiPen education.