



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 1, 2026 10:30-11:45 am

Virtual via Zoom & In-Person at Dwight Village Hall

Attendees

- **Becky Ballard**- IHR
- **Teresa Diemer**- IHR
- **John Schneider**-
Chestnut/Livingston County ROSC
- **Grace Irvin**-Chestnut/ Livingston
County ROSC
- **Melissa Simmons**- IDHS/DRS
- **Abby Behrens**- Prevent Child
Abuse IL
- **Kari Knapp**- Chestnut/ Livingston
County ROSC
- **Melissa Simmons**-IDPH
- **Shannon Lawler**- Heartland Head
Start
- **Monte Andrews**- Rural Public
Transportation
- **Ryan Bohm**- Livingston County
Sheriff
- **Mike Nolan**- Dwight Police
Department
- **Kami Garrison**- SROSC Region 3
- **Mara Schwartz**- Safe Journeys
- **Diana Belicke**- Rosecrance

Recovery Awareness Event

- Was a successful event overall!
- Partnership with Jeremiahs Journey
- 72 attendees total (20 more than 2025 event)
- Speakers, food, recovery walk, etc.
- Activities including “reasons for tomorrow” and “what recovery looks like to me”
- Huge thank you to council members, subcommittee members, partners, etc!

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2026 Livingston ROSC Community Survey

- www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivROSC27Survey
- 2025 response: 279 with 2026 goal of being 300 responses
- What went well in the past with survey distribution?
 - Engaging with families/sending survey out to families for packets at Heartland Head Start; invite for John to come and distribute survey
 - Suggestion to look at demographics to see who we are missing
- What did not work well with the survey in the past?
 - Paper surveys- were under utilized and required a lot of time/support
- What is ONE thing you can do in the next 7 days to promote survey? Where will you be taking survey promotional materials in the community?
 - Kari Knapp- creating social media posts for the survey
 - Sheriff Bohm- signage for Sheriff lobby
 - Becky Ballard/Teresa- have groups take the survey together and will bring to the support group(s) and put up on bulletin boards at IHR
 - Mara Schwartz- post to local Facebook groups
 - Abby Behrens- will be sharing Facebook posts to personal page; will be continuing to promote in community partner meetings
 - Monty Andrews- Making sure Futures Connections Public Bus service is providing the survey on the public buses; Call Adeana Fox and tell her 815-842-1122
 - Melissa Simmons- will reach out to case workers at Futures Unlimited
 - Diana Belicke- can assist with any Livingston County community meetings (school professionals, other agencies, etc.) to make aware of the survey
- What's the most unconventional but realistic way to get 50 additional surveys completed?
 - Christmas parades – pass out candy
 - Sheriff Department – support with QR code at Trunk or Treats
 - Yard Signs – gas stations near Mara



- Pickleball & Chili Cook Off – October 24th (11am-2pm)
 - All attendees are required to take the survey
 - Cook off sign up can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8T4jhcDape1qklDu8lqg24Sj_4lvwUPhQZHvTgkYiP0ExKg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=118133999823169189935
 - Looking for 3 judges for chili cookoff

Agency Updates

- Chestnut/Livingston ROSC update – Grace will be pulled off the project due to programmatic changes at Chestnut
- Teresa Diemer – social service resource books update; has two new Nurse Practitioners
- Diana Belicke – Veteran treatment program available; Resilience Program for first responders (includes school & healthcare professionals)
- Mike Nolan – Naloxone box at Amtrak station now!
- Mara Schwartz – Safe Journeys has a couple openings on Indeed; October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month – continue to push social media posts/share/etc.
- Monte Andrews- Reminder to everyone whose agency needs transportation for clients that Futures Connections is running very strong now in Pontiac and Livingston, Ford and Iroquois Counties. They also are able to transport people to all the major cities (Champaign, Bloomington Normal, Peoria, even Chicago for medical appointments. Have anyone in need call Futures to set up rides at 844-842-2003. At least 24 hour notice within the county, 48 hour notice for destinations outside of Livingston County. Or Jump on the bus route in Pontiac, every hour on the hour.

Next Meeting

- Date: November 5, 2026
- Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Virtual via Zoom and in-person TBD
 - <https://zoom.us/j/91925670666?pwd=eFZGQnFkTW41UjN2bGtNSHdlbisyZz09>



Upcoming Trainings:

- Visit <https://www.coalitionsupport.org/trainings> for upcoming trainings

Virtual Resource Guide/Social Media

- Virtual Resource Guide: <https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonCountyRecovers>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livingston.county.roscl/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGU_LCzRafxtFTikOV38oDg

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