Clark County ROSC Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 15th, 2026

Location: HRC Forsythe Center / Zoom

Time: 10:00 am – 11:05 am

Attendees: In person-Bobbye Scott, Clark County ROSC Council Coordinator; Jessica Parrill, Clark County ROSC Council Recovery Navigator; Beth Wright, Wabash Valley Recovery Center, Clark County Peer Support; Issy Kelley, Executive Director, Wabash Valley Recovery Center; Susan Tybon, Executive Director, HRC;

Via Zoom- Toni Randall, Technical Assistant, Statewide ROSC Region 4; Mariah Whitmer, HOPE of East Central Illinois, Domestic Violence Public Educator; Kristin Davis, Family Guidance Center, Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center (IDHS Region 4); Haley Lovins, Effingham County ROSC Council Coordinator; David Alvarez, Prevention First, Opioid Learning and Response Collaborative.

Discussion Summary

Welcome & Introductions

Bobbye Scott welcomed attendees, who introduced themselves and their organizations. Beth Wright of the Wabash Valley Recovery Center shared that she is now serving Clark County and collaborating with the Recovery Navigator weekly. Haley Lovins, Effingham County ROSC Council Coordinator, attended to observe how the Clark County ROSC Council operates. David Alvarez of Prevention First joined partway through and introduced the Opioid Learning and Response Collaborative.

Recovery Navigator Update

Jessica Parrill reported that her Recovery Navigator groups will now be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Recovery Picnic & Open House Recap

Bobbye reported that the Recovery Lives Here Open House and Recovery Picnic on October 3rd drew approximately 40 attendees. The recovery story displays, prepared by the HRC peer support team, were well received, and photos were posted on the ROSC Council's Facebook page. Surveys were collected and door prizes were awarded. Bobbye noted that the highlight was seeing so many local organizations together supporting one another, including three recovery homes, HOPE of East Central Illinois, and the Wabash Valley Recovery Center.

Bobbye shared a conversation with Michelle, HRC's peer support supervisor, about shifting the larger awareness event to the spring. Several neighboring counties, including Edgar County, hold their picnics and fundraisers in the fall, which stretches staff and volunteers thin and means businesses are asked for donations several times in the same season. A spring event would allow donation requests in early February, after the holidays. Recovery Month could still be highlighted through the Recovery Lives Here open house and possibly a smaller celebration, such as recognizing recovery anniversaries. Attendees,

including Toni and Jessica, supported the idea. Brainstorming for a spring event with HRC will begin after the holidays.

Needs Assessment Survey

Bobbye shared that survey distribution has been below expectations and asked all ROSC Council members to share the survey through their organizations and networks. Survey results inform the county's needs assessment and the ROSC Council's strategic plan. Bobbye's goal is 200–250 responses; Toni noted a suggested benchmark of 2% of the county population. Toni also reminded the group that survey data is public and can be used by any organization for grant applications, and Beth noted that the Wabash Valley Recovery Center used this data to secure grants to come into Clark County.

The group shared ideas to increase participation:

- **Incentives:** Kristin noted that people are "surveyed out" and recommended even a small incentive, such as a donated gift card to a popular local restaurant. Bobbye shared that the online survey already links to an optional, separate prize-entry form. Other ideas included a progress "game board" on Facebook, extra entries for tagging friends, posting photos of specific prizes, and asking bakeries such as Betty Jane's to donate.
- **Accessibility:** Always include the direct link alongside QR codes, since some people cannot use QR codes.
- **In-person outreach:** Offer the survey at Laundry Day, community events, the library, and bulletin boards. Haley described walking into local businesses with QR code flyers and paper surveys and offering three options: post the QR code, distribute surveys to staff or customers, or donate a prize.
- **Places where people wait:** Toni suggested restaurant tables, food pantries, church services, doctors' waiting rooms, oil change shops, and school parking lots at the end of practices. Bobbye noted local medical clinics as an untapped opportunity, including offering the survey at intake.
- **Partners and media:** Probation and HRC counselors already having clients complete surveys. Jessica suggested asking Gypsy Queen to post a video with the survey link, and the group suggested church bulletins, a local news story, and checking with Effingham County about how surveys were brought into the jail.

Jessica shared that paper surveys left at gas stations and fast-food restaurants have produced few responses, and Bobbye noted that outreach to school administrators has also had limited success. Bobbye is tracking these outreach efforts. She will give a survey update at next month's meeting.

Future Education & Outreach Events

With fall activities largely past, the group looked ahead to the holiday season and early next year. Bobbye suggested taking part in the 4-H holiday tree display, where organizations decorate themed Christmas trees, possibly with an event for ROSC Council and community members to make ornaments and decorate a recovery-themed tree. Toni shared that in Bond County, the ROSC Council decorated a tree with purple ornaments carrying recovery messages for a library fundraiser. Bobbye will ask the 4-H director for information and dates and report back next month.

Law Enforcement & Healthcare Engagement

Following up on last month's discussion, Bobbye shared that her research on how other ROSC councils engage law enforcement and healthcare partners mostly found practices the ROSC Council already uses: showing up regularly and providing resources. Once the resource guides are updated and approved, Bobbye and Jessica plan to bring them, along with other information, to local police departments. Beth shared that the Martinsville Mayor and Sheriff's Office have agreed to give her time at their office, which offers a way in. Bobbye also suggested finding out whether police departments need harm reduction materials, which could open the door to collaboration. Bobbye can prepare a short report for next month if members are interested.

Issy (Wabash Valley Recovery Center) recommended reaching out to the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program, noting that in Vigo County, people with lived experience speak to officers during the 40-hour training. She also described a two-hour public education event, "What's the Harm in Harm Reduction," with a panel including lived experience, a physician, a state policy representative, and recovery center leadership, and encouraged including a family perspective. Bobbye noted that harm reduction stigma remains strong in Clark County and that a similar event here could be valuable.

Priority Projects & Next Steps

- **Recovery court / justice coordination:** The Justice & Recovery subcommittee has been paused due to low attendance. Bobbye spoke with Susan Williamson about moving forward with a meeting among HRC, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, probation, and pretrial services, with the goal of a regular quarterly meeting to connect people with recovery resources early, even before they enter the justice system.
- **Harm reduction access & awareness:** See the Law Enforcement & Healthcare Engagement discussion above.
- **Recovery housing feasibility:** The Recovery Lives Here open house was very well received and drew some of the ROSC Council's strongest Facebook engagement, helping reduce stigma. Bobbye noted that probation in some neighboring counties does not allow clients to go to recovery housing in Indiana, which highlights the need for recovery housing in Clark County. Clark County probation has been supportive of out-of-state placements.

Laundry Day

The next Laundry Day is Wednesday, November 4th. Jessica is unable to attend, but Melanie, a person with lived experience, will be there, and volunteers are welcome to help or bring resources. Future dates are February 3rd and May 5th. A recent sponsor outreach brought in several sponsors, and the group agreed it may be time to do another round of sponsor outreach.

Old Business

Bulk Mail Postcards: The group discussed the bulk-mail postcard idea. Bobbye noted that Cumberland County tried this about two years ago with little response, and that mailing size requirements may affect feasibility, but it could still be explored.

Open Discussion

Bobbye asked how members stay engaged with partners during the winter months. Jessica suggested scheduling Narcan trainings during the winter and shared that a nursing home has asked for a Narcan training for its residents. Jessica also sent letters to 20 churches across Clark County inviting them to ROSC Council meetings and explaining the ROSC concept, and she plans to work through the full list. Bobbye suggested focusing outreach on one sector at a time.

Jessica proposed meeting with Beth and Paul Boyer to review Clark County resources and put together a resource binder for the police department. Bobbye shared that she and Michelle discussed creating a comprehensive booklet of all HRC services to share with probation, police, partners, and community members. Jessica noted that HRC recently released new brochures. The ROSC Council is also continuing to work with the United Way of the Wabash Valley on its comprehensive resource guide for Clark County.

Upcoming Outreach Events

- Effingham County ROSC Council family ornament event- November (date TBD)
- Next quarterly Laundry Day- Wednesday, November 4th
- 4-H holiday tree display- December (details TBD)
- Laundry Day- February 3rd
- Laundry Day- May 5th
- Regional Prevention Summit (Family Guidance Center)- fourth quarter of FY27 (date TBD)

Agency Updates

- **Mariah Whitmer (HOPE of East Central Illinois):** Shared that the Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil in Paris on October 14th had a good turnout. Bobbye and Kristin praised Mariah's Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.
- **Kristin Davis (Family Guidance Center):** A prevention summit is being planned for the fourth quarter of FY27, with the location and speakers being finalized. The center publishes a prevention blog about every other week, with recent topics including domestic violence and drug take-back.
- **Haley Lovins (Effingham County ROSC Council Coordinator):** Planning a family ornament-making event next month. Ornaments may be taken home or added to large holiday displays at Cardinal Golf Course, created with EARS and other Effingham County organizations to raise awareness of local resources.
- **David Alvarez (Prevention First):** The Opioid Learning and Response Collaborative provides free trainings, resources, and technical assistance statewide, including free CEUs. David shared the training page, including a free networking event in Effingham, and his email in the chat.
- **Susan Tybon (HRC):** HRC has started a domestic violence workgroup because of the strong relationship between domestic violence and substance use.

Action Items

- ROSC Council members to share the needs assessment survey through their organizations and local networks.
- Bobbye to give an update on survey responses at the next meeting.
- Bobbye to ask the 4-H director for information and dates on the holiday tree display and report back next month.
- Bobbye to ask Sarah about a creative social media video promoting the survey for the Gypsy Queen page.
- Bobbye to find out whether local police departments need or could use harm reduction materials.

- Bobbye to prepare a short report on law enforcement and healthcare engagement for next month, if members are interested.
- Issy to share the harm reduction education packet.
- Bobbye to schedule a justice coordination meeting with HRC, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, probation, and pretrial services.
- Bobbye and Jessica to do another round of Laundry Day sponsor outreach.
- Bobbye to get copies of HRC's new brochures and work with Michelle on a comprehensive HRC services booklet.
- Jessica to continue contacting the remaining churches on her Clark County outreach list.
- ROSC Council members to begin brainstorming a spring recovery event with HRC after the holidays.

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