Take Action Coalition (TAC) Meeting Minutes October 27, 2026

Attendance: Sheridan Jordan, Alexa Plant, Cheyney Evans, P.D. Van Klaveren, Beverly Holland, Charlie Prakit, Dusty Hanner

Presentation: P.D. Van Klaveren, Lead Peer Support Specialist and Harm Reduction Specialist at Fifth Street Renaissance, presented an overview of kratom, including its common uses, potential effects, misconceptions, and associated risks. The presentation explored how kratom can lead to tolerance, dependence, and withdrawal, particularly with frequent use or concentrated products. It also discussed Illinois' current legal landscape and practical harm reduction strategies, emphasizing the importance of education, recognizing warning signs, avoiding substance mixing, and connecting individuals to appropriate support and care. The overall message was to approach kratom use with informed, compassionate, and judgment-free conversations while reducing stigma and promoting community safety.
A note from his presentation – Due to Kratom being unregulated by the FDA, its effects, potency, and composition can vary widely. An example provided was - going to buy a Budweiser and ending up drinking Everclear. You cannot be sure what you will get and how it will affect you.

Review/Discussion Items:

- Community Needs Survey
  - Need to reach 1% of population = roughly **370 people**
  - **We have 30 responses so far.**
  - **Ends Dec 11th**
  - Incentive provided by Illinois Recovery Center for drawing at the end of the survey – Two $50 visa gift cards for two winners
  - Discussed places we have disseminated the survey so far:
    - Health Department, Carlyle Library, CRC in Carlyle, Courthouse, on Facebook with an advertisement, Senior Services, at Soberfest, a few recovery meetings in the county. Amy Center, Elena from Hoyleton Youth and Family Services shared with Bartelso and Breese Schools
    - Asked: Birth to Five & Germantown Library
    - Where else?
  - Need to do outreach at Food Pantries still… discussing further with the Peer Advisory Board at our first meeting 11/4/26

- We are working to start community Laundry Day Events, these will be planned with our peer advisory council, Sheridan and Alexa meet tomorrow with Egyptian Health Department to discuss how they have structured and created their events.

Updates:
We are tabling the Thankful for Recovery (Thanksgiving event) until next year so that we have better time available to plan the event.

Our September Recovery Month, and Suicide Prevention campaign was great. We had 18 total participants, featuring stories from community members, and organizations like Illinois Recovery Center, The Amy Center, and BCMW

Sheridan shared our resource guide is completed with being updated for 2027

Currently we are working to form our Peer Advisory Committee, going forward we will look to have meeting structured as follows:

- **TAC meetings will be held virtually**
- **Peer Advisory Committee meetings will be held in person**
- **The Stigma Workgroup meetings will still be hybrid**

Stigma reduction work group:

Second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm at Case-Halstead Library & on ZOOM

- *Upcoming meeting November 12th*

Come if you want to be part of the planning committee for stigma breaking events!
In November we will start planning for Love Recovery

Council Sharing: No comments

Meeting adjourned.

Our Next meeting will be November 17th, 2026.
ON ZOOM: https://zoom.us/j/96744943725
Meeting ID: 967 4494 3725

TAC Mission:
Cohesive partners developing comprehensive strategies involving education & prevention, law enforcement, family support, treatment and recovery services.
TAC Vision:
Reduce the impact and stigma of substance use and mental health among the residents of Clinton County.