



Franklin/ Williamson County ROSC

Hybrid Meeting Minutes

11-15-23 – 9 AM to 10 AM

Attendees:

Mike Tyson, CPRS - Take Action Today (TAT) Executive Director

Jonathan Gravatt - Aurora University intern @ Lighthouse Shelter

Laura Addison -Case Manager Lighthouse Shelter

Madison Odum – TAT Perry Jackson ROSC Coordinator

Kelli Corner – Tobacco Disparities Grant Manager - Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH)

Beverly Holland – TA Statewide ROSC

Michelle Wilson -TAT Jcity Site Supervisor/Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS)

Sherry Smedshammer - Crisis Resource Developer - Centerstone

Betty Fisher – First Church of God Marion

Wendell Fisher – First Church of God Marion

Shara Robinson – TAT Franklin Williamson ROSC Coordinator

Dorie Warren Jr. -TAT Carbondale Site Supervisor/PRS

Mandy Hagen – TAT ROSC Assistant/PRS

Chrystal Cantrell, CPRS – TAT Assistant Director

Chris Massey – SIU School of Medicine Center for Rural Health and Social Services Development (SOM CRHSSD)

Sherri Bassen - South Central Transit

Keith Fletcher - JCity Center for Hope and Renewal

Brent Van Ham - SIU SOM CRHSSD



Amanda Stahlhut – Survivor Empowerment Center

Lakota Myers – Survivor Empowerment Center

Chaz Swalley- Oxford House

Nancy Henderson – TAT Bozard of Directors

Rachel Chruszczyk – Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Illinois

Cindy Johnson - SOR DOPP Program @ SIH

Callie Buchanan – TASC Leap Initiative

Wendy Lambert – Vermillion County ROSC

Maria Buehler, Voluntary Services VA Center for Development

Welcoming and Introductions

Meeting discussion on the SWOT Analysis:

Attendees at the meeting gave input:

Focus group dates and locations will be chosen to collect more input from the Franklin Williamson community. A survey monkey link will also be used to gather information.

Mike Tyson was asked to describe TAT RCO – the RCO is made up of people in recovery both on board of directors and staff. We use strength-based approaches and focus on person centered recovery. We are a community by and for people in recovery.

Egyptian Health Department starting a new RCO – Union and Massac County are currently developing one too.

Shara spoke of the ROSC Statewide meeting held in Springfield and how many counties in IL have ROSCs and recovery supports in place is amazing.

SI Tobacco Disparities has target populations reports available upon request. They are co-opting with SIU within the 16 lower counties. If we want Franklin Williamson specifically, we can reach out to her. The data is based on disparities in the area: target fact sheet populations, fact sheets on veterans, pregnant women, etc.

Recovery Resource centers a plus. Dec 1, 2023, is tentative start date for TAT warming center in Benton (Edison Building). Shara asked for monetary and/or supply donations.



Keith @ Johnston City Center = has shower, meals, clinical counseling, podcasts, Johnson City Arrow newspaper.

Crosswalk is another resource, ministerial alliances, churches food days help with homeless population. St John's Catholic Church just put in laundry service and shower in their gym. The Promise provides showers. West Frankfort 24/7 Lifted is a new warming center opened by local church goes – lots of peeps in tents or living together in abandoned buildings in that area. Community driven resources hope to help with sustainability.

Some communities fear all homeless individuals are coming here because we have new/more resources, and some people fear they will stay here, and we will run out of resources again that's why we need to connect with other communities to help them get their resources started.

T2Hope – wants to start a warming center next winter in DuQuoin. Looking for monetary donations.

Centerstone has their recovery home back opened now and Gateway recovery home is mainly for inpatient residents to transition to, but they will assess community needs also.

Chad – Oxford house has a male and female home in Mt. Vernon – hoping for more.

Groups held at TAT in Marion are SMART Recovery (flyer attached), Trauma Group (flyer attached), and various Celebrate Recovery meetings in other parts of town.

Sarah Fletcher offers invested counseling sessions and community service hours. Caring Counseling Ministries doing a Courage to Quit class, men of integrity group also happening at JCity Center (Johnston City).

The state conference stressed getting many stakeholders on board to do presentations at our ROSC meetings - Maria Buehler with the VA can volunteer.

Approve October meeting minutes – Madison made a motion.

Michelle 2nd the motion.

Up Coming Events:

First United Methodist Christmas food Dec 16, 2023, from 9-10 30 am. pre reg required from Nov. 27 thru Dec. Can also sign up for this at JCity center for hope.

First Church of God Christmas dinner 11 am in Marion, bus picks up people from Lighthouse center - 12.25.23



We will share on our page, Sherri with Centerstone will share holiday community events with us to share with our distribution.

Sherri with SCT said (Nov 29 through Dec 20) every Wednesday will be free ride Wednesday.

Cindy Johnson – SIH would like to present at a ROSC meeting in the future. Cindy does naloxone training and distribution – 100 people trained in the last few weeks including several clinics – Weathering the storm conference.

Chris Massey – Mar Now program family guidance center – give out 5-6 cases per week, referred to local providers.

Maria @ VA - National solute week (Valentine's week 2024) is in planning phase. Other agencies will be partners, they work with volunteers and donations. It is a gap filler for what regular VA does not cover such as food, clothing, security deposits for new apts. Haircuts, clothing and warming center at VA in Marion.

TAT should consider a table at the VA event.

Kelli Corner said action teams will meet the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Cessation instruction training is Dec 7 & 8 in morning. In addition, the Grant is getting more funding, so more grants are available.

Mike mentioned Chestnut Health's faith-based recovery initiative community engagement center TAT will certify congregations as recovery congregations with this training. There will be a survey to fill out or reach out to us. recovery@takeactiontoday.net We must do 4 training courses (Mental Health 101, substance use disorder 101, Suicide prevention and overdose training. Church (paid) leadership needs to be involved. They can also open this up to the community as well. They will collaborate to give feedback for future rounds.

Monthly Meetings:

To be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please put on your calendar.

Next Franklin Williamson Meeting 12.20.23

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