

# Ford County ROSC Council Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at 8:30 AM (Zoom/Virtual)*

## **Attendance:**

Frankie Ward (Ford County ROSC, Chestnut)  
Kari Knapp (Chestnut Health Systems, Associate Director Community Health)  
Barbara Brumleve (Ford County ROSC, McLean County ROSC, Chestnut)  
Lucy Craycroft (988 Program Planner, DHS-Dept of Mental Health)  
Jeanette Davis (Logan/Mason ROSC, Chestnut)  
Kami Garrison (Chestnut – Region 3 TA – Statewide ROSC)  
John Schneider (Livingston ROSC/Celebrate Recovery Ford County)  
David King (Carle)  
Grace Irvin (Chestnut Health System)  
Tristan McGrew (Americorp/Logan/Mason ROSC)  
Jennifer Anderson (Ford County (Probation))  
Caitlyn Kurtz (Birth To Five)  
Clint Perzee (Iroquois County Sheriff-STAR Program)  
Brittany Fry (Clove Alliance)  
Sarah Hoover (GROW)  
Carrie McKinzie (Gateway Foundation)  
Abby Behrens (Brightpoint/Butterfly Project)  
Nick Hall (TASC)  
Melissa Johnson- (LifeCil- Comm Advocate)  
Catherine Pizell (Ford County Health Dept)

## **Agenda:**

- Introductions
- Lucy Craycroft Presents: **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**
- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**
- Updates/Upcoming Events
- Available Trainings
- Agency Updates/Questions

## **Introductions:**

- Good afternoon and **Thank You** for attending our May ROSC Council meeting. Today started with introductions and we had the pleasure to welcome **Lucy Craycroft: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**. Please reach out to Lucy if you have any questions at [Lucy.Craycroft@illinois.gov](mailto:Lucy.Craycroft@illinois.gov). Additional information can be found at [988hotline.illinois.gov](http://988hotline.illinois.gov).

## Main Discussion – 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

The Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health is charged with operationalizing plans to coordinate the state's continuum of crisis services in alignment with SAMHSA guidelines.

- Someone to Call (988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Call Centers (LCCs))
- Someone to Respond (Mobile Crisis Team Services)
- Somewhere to Go (Crisis Receiving & Stabilization Units)

IL has 7 centers and there has been a 57% increase in demand in the first year (June 2022 to June 2023)- keeps growing! Text/Chat has become very popular with younger demographics. Marketing is in the process of rolling out their campaign. We have added the PowerPoint for further information.

**Ford County ROSC is Raising Awareness!!! Check out this Great Read, highlighting our very own, Frankie Ward and her sister, Ivy Ward...THANK YOU ☺**

**ALL AWARENESS DAY IN GIBSON CITY**  
**RAISING AWARENESS**

*All Awareness Day brings community together, highlights resources available*  
**By MINDY BASI**  
Chronicle correspondent

**GIBSON CITY** — All Awareness Day — held Saturday, May 13, at the North Park in Gibson City — was an afternoon of sharing local resources and support services, combined with some family fun.

Sisters Ivy and Frankie Ward organized the event — now in its second year — to raise public awareness about the community resources available through local organizations and agencies.

“There are so many resources out there we may need now or in the future,” said Ivy Ward, “so our idea was to bring them together in a platform to bring awareness to what is available.”

Ivy Ward said she and her sister are thankful for having been able to use those resources in their own lives, and they wanted to give back by organizing the free annual event.

“There are so many struggles we all go through,” Ivy Ward said. “The idea is to have a positive day to support and be kind to each other.”

Staffing booths inside the park’s pavilion Saturday were representatives of 24 local agencies and organizations.

Activities also included a powder-paint run for children and a 5K walk/run around the park for people of all ages. Some serious runners lapped the park a few times, but there were plenty of stroller-pushing families walking together at a toddler-speed pace.

At the welcome tent, a volunteer gave out complimentary water, chugged down by thirsty kids covered in green powder from the nearby powder-paint run. Visitors could enter a free raffle drawing for prizes, with tickets available at each booth in the pavilion.

“We designed it so the more (organizations’) booths people visited, the more (raffle) tickets they would get,” Ivy Ward explained.

A small number of vendors sold goods at the park, too. They were selected as vendors for the event because they were raising money for a charitable cause and “they had something that would brighten someone’s day,” Ivy Ward said. Food trucks served lunch at the event, as well.

The Wards are already planning for the third annual All Awareness Day in 2025.

“We hope to grow it as much as we can,” Ivy Ward said.

Ford County Board member Tim Nuss, who volunteered to help staff the Ford County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) table at the event, said he is pleased with the event’s success so far.

“I’m always amazed at it,” Nuss said during Monday night’s board meeting. “It’s resources that are available in our community to serve the people of our community. We had an incredible turnout, and I can’t get over some of the hard work that some of our people in our area put into this. The Ward sisters, they’re unbelievable. Those two have more energy than I could ever imagine, and they are definitely angels among us for what they do for our community. I was just very happy to be a part of it as a volunteer for ROSC. We’re already talking about next year’s — making it bigger and better.”

The local agencies and organizations that shared resources at the event included Ford County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC), Gibson City Food Pantry, Brightpoint/Butterfly Project for children and families, Moyer District Library, Ford County Public Health Department and Ford County Emergency Management Agency, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, GAHHS Elite Sport & Fitness, Carle Foundation Hospital, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Gibson Area Service Association, The Immigration Project, Gibson City Lions Club, Epilepsy Advocacy Network, Veteran’s Treatment Court, Central Illinois Friends of GAHHS Caring Connections Behavioral Wellness Center, GAHHS Dietetics, GAHHS GROW, Head Start, Making Our Mark, Community Resource & Counseling Center, Carle Addiction Recovery Center, Villas of Holly Brook, Ford County Worknet Center and Compass to Care.

Event sponsors — which provided donations that funded prizes and supplies — included Ford County ROSC, Tea & Grounds, Emerald Sheers, Main Attraction, A Renee, Syd & Sadi’s Boutique, Horsch Radish, VSI, Ropp’s Flower Factory, Bradbury Auto Sales, Gibson City Dairy Queen, Los Caminos, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, The Country Kettle, Burgers & Beer, GAHHS Elite Sport & Fitness, Expressions, Mark’s on First, Brightpoint, IFF, The Fashion Shop, Bruecker Dental Care, D.J. J.T. Hammit, the Kummerows, Speak Easy Salon & Spa, Michelle Risner (Avon), Rhino Ag, Terry Roesch, Travel by Beth, Neighborhood Ace Hardware, County Market, Runnings, Gibson City First Presbyterian Church, Sexton Heating & Cooling, and Gibson City’s Cornbelt Shrine Club.

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**ROSC would also like to thank Tim Nuss!! Tim volunteered all day at this event and helped at the Ford ROSC table!! THANK YOU, TIM, ☺**

## Upcoming Events -You don't want to Miss!!!



### Agency Updates:

**Birth to Five IL-** Community action plan, baseline of demographics for Ford and Champaign. This will be released to the public and there will be a community meeting in June, more to come.

**Iroquois County Sheriff,** Clint noted that Sara from GROW is bringing SMART meetings to the jails. They are in their 4<sup>th</sup> week with 6 inmates going through this program. It is going great!

**Brightpoint/Butterfly Project,** Abby Behrens noted that they have a Ford County Coalition that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at noon at the Gibson Library. They are focused on domestic violence and healing and children and families. Lunch will be provided and there will be a few doulas coming. If you're not part of our coalition, please join...you can reach me at [abehrens@brightpoint.org](mailto:abehrens@brightpoint.org).


**Upcoming Training:** <https://www.coalitionsupport.org/trainings>


**Next ROSC meeting is Hybrid!!! We hope to see all of you on June 25<sup>th</sup> at CRCC in Paxton, 8:30 AM.**



**As always, please reach out if you have any questions, ideas for collaborations, etc. Thank You!!**

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