



Franklin/Williamson County ROSC

(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes 07/17/24@ 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen-PLE, FWRC ROSC Coordinator mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

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Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone Introduced themselves.

Approval of 06/20/2024 meeting minutes:

1st motion to approve by Alexis Adams

2nd motion to approve by Aaron Seibert

Old Business:

FWRC EDDM (Every Door Direct Mailer) Outreach Campaign:

- Mandy states that people have reached out to her through phone calls and Facebook messenger and that many of them were unaware of our resources in our communities including those offered by Take Action Today, Gateway and Centerstone. There were several people that said they were lonely and bored and would like to volunteer for our organization at some point. Mandy will personally reach out to those who provided their contact information to help volunteer at future FWRC events.

Recovery Month Idea Updates:

- Lighting up Marion Square purple
 - Aaron Seibert shared that Centerstone in partnership with FWRC are working together to light up the square in Marion purple for recovery month.
 - This will be the week of September 10th (if approved)
 - He is also planning to have some type of vigil to bring everyone together for mental health, behavioral health and substance use.
 - Aaron would like many local agencies to be involved and will be reaching out to potential vendors and community members.
 - If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Aaron @ aaron.seibert@centerstone.org
- Purple Ribbons around Benton Square
 - Mike Tyson will be speaking to the mayor of Benton to get this approved (Mandy will let us know at the next council meeting)
 - Volunteers through FWRC will be needed for this project to be completed. If you would like to help, please let Mandy know @ mandyh@takeactiontoday.net
- Recovery Game Nights:
 - We will revisit this idea at a later date, there is already a lot of recovery month events happening.

ROSC "Pop-Ups"

- 1st "Pop-Up" was 7/12 @ West Frankfort Hucks: 32 units of Narcan distributed, 8 turtle packs given out, and 2 referrals for services.
- Scheduled "Pop-Ups: 7/19 @ Christopher Hucks and 7/26 Herrin Hucks. We are giving out personal hygiene items and water, if anyone would like to donate any items or information to be handed out during these pop-ups please reach out to Mandy Hagen @ mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

FWRC Strategic Plan:

Mandy went over the finalized 3-5 years FWRC Strategic Plan.

Chrystal Cantrell on behalf of the FWRC gives thanks to the people who helped make the strategic plan possible through focus groups and social media. She also shares that this year there is a huge movement towards helping with the homelessness issue. Chrystal shares that the members of this ROSC are vital to help share and spread potential resources and solutions to our community. She also thanked Sherry Smedshammer for helping form the outline for this year's strategic plan.

FY25 STATS Review:

- 78 members on our membership roster
- 12 ROSC Council Meetings
- 40 stipends given to PLE's, people seeking recovery, and volunteers with FWRC.
- 1 Community Education Event (Mark Sanders @ JALC)
- 2 Focus Groups
- 1 Free Laundry Day Event
- Attended several community outreach events with other agencies
- FB Page up and running with 376 members
- EDDM's sent out in Marion, Herrin, West Frankfort, Orient, Johnston City, Creal Springs, Carterville, Royalton, Sesser, Christopher, and Benton.
- 1 Survey Monkey with 44 responses

New Business:

The next meeting for the FWRC will be held at the Take Action Today resource Center located at 905 W. Washington St. Benton IL. The plan for this Fiscal Year 25 is to hold more meetings in Franklin County.

Aaron shared that Walgreens in Carbondale and Murphysboro are dispersing free prenatal vitamins to those in need. To receive these items an individual does not have to be pregnant. He is hoping to get other locations on board and will inform the council if other locations that he finds are participating.

Christina Manchen announced Centerstone has formed an advisory council known as the Voices in Action Council (VAC).

- The purpose of the council is to examine our communities' mental health and substance use needs and determine Centerstone's capacity to address the needs of the population being served. Individuals with lived experience must make up 51% of the council with the remaining members coming from community agencies such as yours. I would like to invite you or someone from your agency to join the council to share your voice as we aim to improve the way Centerstone provides services that better meet the needs of individuals and the community.
- Please contact Christina Manchen christina.manchen@centerstone.org if you are interested or know anyone who would be.
- Mandy Hagen and Chrystal Cantrell are interested, and Christina will get in touch with them.

Hank Roan shared about the upcoming SIRN website release. The website will have an interactive map of the lower 18 counties in Southern Illinois. When you click on a county there will be a list of available resources with location available to the individual. He states we are hoping to get plenty of resource centers and agencies to fill out these contact cards that will be generated through a click.

Wendy Lambert Shared about 2 events happening in Danville, IL. Ride for Recovery in August and an End the stigma event in Sept.

Save the Dates

National Recovery Rally- September 21st (flyer attached)

Centerstone's Life;Story 5k for Suicide Prevention- September 7th @ 7:15am (flyer attached)

- They are still needing resource vendors and food vendors.
- Registration discounts for veterans.
- 0-18 years of age participate for free.
- Please contact Aaron Seibert for more information.

Next Meeting: 08/21/24 @ 9:00am

**Join us in person at 905 W. Washington St.
Benton, IL. or:**

<https://zoom.us/j/94772663701?pwd=bjJwMUNxVThZaE1TV29EdmtqNlMvdz09>