



**Perry/ Jackson ROSC Council**  
**(Hybrid) Meeting 10/23/2024 @ 1:00 PM**

**Attendees**

Mandy Hagen - ROSC Coordinator, Take Action Today [mandyh@takeactiontoday.net](mailto:mandyh@takeactiontoday.net)

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Stephanie Neville- TASC [snevilles@tasc.org](mailto:snevilles@tasc.org)

Quianya Enge- Founder, Director, Beyond the Walls- [quianya@btwthemovement.org](mailto:quianya@btwthemovement.org)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

## **Approval of 09/18/2024 meeting minutes:**

1st motion to approve by Sherry Smedhammer

2nd motion to approve by Elaina Holland

## **Presentation By:**

Quianya Enge, Founder and Executive Director, Beyond the Walls-The Movement, spoke about what they are doing in the community and how they are helping individuals better their futures through restorative justice work, job training opportunities, education, and making a way for those who have been negatively impacted by having a previous criminal history. BTW is re-entry link for individuals in Southern Illinois, they do peer to peer recommendations to viable resources. They are also positively impacting the community by co-hosting events with other community organizations and helping to limit barriers to end permanent punishments for those formerly impacted by incarceration.

Quianya was previously incarcerated for 11 years in the IDOC and Today, she is working inside IDOC piloting a trauma informed re-entry program! She is very motivated in the work she does because she has experienced and overcome many barriers herself when it has come to creating her own future. She is also the Regional Coordinator for the CHOICE Program inside Pinckneyville and Menard prisons and is looking for individuals interested in going into the IDOC to help volunteer as they will be offering a FREE Trauma Informed Restorative Justice training to those individuals before volunteering.

If you have any questions, or would like more information please check out their website: [btwthemovementnfp.org](http://btwthemovementnfp.org) or reach out to Quianya Enge @ [quianya@btwthemovement.org](mailto:quianya@btwthemovement.org)

## **Old Business:**

PJRC “Pop-Ups” have been happening!

- 10/8 Murphysboro Wonder Wash:
  - we had the most involvement
- 10/11 DuQuoin Wonder Wash:
  - Not very busy but one man was there who’s niece struggles with opiate addiction. We gave him enough Narcan for his family to have in case she overdoses at any of their homes. The entire family

worries about her and has frequent contact with her so this was amazing to be able to do!!

- 10/17 Pinckneyville Library
  - Not much activity but one woman was there who lives in an apartment complex who said people struggle with substance use there so we gave her some flyers to hang up. This morning I personally received a phone call from a woman who saw one of those flyers and is recently in recovery looking for an NA meeting so I was able to give her that information!!!
  - We also scheduled our 1<sup>ST</sup> Narcan training for Perry County on 11/7 at the library!

Next “Pop-Up” is scheduled for 11/19 @ Elkhaville Public Library.

### **New Business:**

1. We are putting together a community survey to collect data to help us update our community needs assessment and community resource assessment.
  - Mandy went over the details, discussed the requirements, and went over the 10 questions from the state.
  - We need to come up with 10 more questions, if anyone would like any specific questions to be added to the survey please send them to Mandy Hagen, mandyh@takeactiontoday.net
  - The Community survey is due 11/30/24.
  - Christina Manchen sent Mandy a copy of Centerstone’s community assessment survey questions to go over.

Mandy wants everyone to participate because this is a WE project, and it is a chance for us to come together as a council to evaluate our community!

This survey is very important because it will be turned into the state for examination and Southern Illinois resources and needs will have a chance to be seen!

2. The “Holiday Season” is coming up, does anyone have any upcoming food distributions, free holiday meals/baskets, or donation drives they are aware of that we could help spread awareness of?

- Feel free to post any information you acquire on the Perry/Jackson ROSC FB Page (ALL OF US CAN POST on the FB Page) or pass the information along to Mandy and she will get it posted.
- Sherry: Newman Centers 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal will take place on 11/28 from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Those interested in volunteering, making a donation, or needing a meal delivered can call (618) 529-3311 or, email [office@siucnewman.org](mailto:office@siucnewman.org) The deadline for those requests or donations is Monday, November 25th
- 3. Shara shared that she is now hosting a virtual SMART Recovery meeting EVERY Wednesday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. If you have any questions about SMART recovery or the virtual meeting please contact, Shara Robinson [sharar@takeactiontoday.net](mailto:sharar@takeactiontoday.net)

**Next Meeting: November 20th @ 1:00PM**

**Location: 809 W. Main St. Carbondale, IL**

**Or by Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/92445073407?pwd=RkRCV2NWR05jVVhENzdqRDdJR0w1QT09>