



Franklin/Williamson County ROSC

(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes

11/20/2024 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees:

Mandy Hagen- ROSC Coordinator, TAT mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

Sherry Smedshammer- Crisis Resource Developer, Centerstone
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Beverly Holland- Region 5 ROSC TA, Chestnut bgholland@chestnut.org

Kelsey Driskell- ROSC Support Specialist, TAT kelseyd@takeactiontoday.net

Christina Manchen- CCBHC, Centerstone christina.manchen@centerstone.org

Anthony Arrington- Southern Illinois Re-Entry aarington@southernillinoisreentry.org

Keith Fletcher- Director, JCity Hope and Renewal jcitycenter@gmail.com

Shara Robison – Community Develop Coordinator, TAT sharar@takeactiontoday.net

Torie Patton - Harm Reduction Specialist, PRS, TAT toriep@takeactiontoday.net

Jamie Griffin- Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless
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Chrystal Cantrell - Interim Director, TAT chrystalc@takeactiontoday.net

Robbie Kuntz - CPRS, TAT robbiek@takeactiontoday.net

Justin Miller - CPRS, TAT justinm@takeactiontoday.net

Liesl Wingert -Program Coordinator for the Eastern Region of SIU School of Medicine, Center for Rural Health & Social Services lwingert68@siumed.edu

Mike Tyson - Community Engagement Director, TAT miket@takeactiontoday.net

Moses - TAT mosesm@takeactiontoday.net

Lasha Vincent - TAT lashav@takeactiontoday.net

Jacob Webb - ILNG Counterdrug Taskforce, Marion PD jwebb@marionpolicedept.com

Lisa Drury –Mc-Kinney Vento Liaison, ROE 21 ldrury@roe21.org

Margot Cepeda – CEPC, Marion VA

Angela McDowell - Benton Elks angela.kmcdowell@gmail.com

Katie DePew – Clergy, Williamson Co. Jail katherine_depew@aol.com

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone shared a personal introduction.

Approval of 9/18/24 meeting minutes

1st motion to approve Kelsey Driskell

2nd motion to approve Anthony Arrington

Presentation:

Lisa Drury, Regional Mc-Kinney Vento Liaison, Regional Office of Education # 21. Lisa presented on the Mc-Kinney-Vento Program, which assists homeless students in accessing education. She reported that nearly 7,000 students were identified as homeless in Southern Illinois, with a significant number in the four counties she serves. She emphasized the importance of identifying homeless students and to share the resources to support these students. The criteria was discussed for evaluating student housing adequacy and the challenges faced, such as couch surfing and living in cars. She addressed the negative impact of frequent school transitions on academic progress and the importance of keeping students in their school of origin during housing

instability. The role of liaisons in arranging transportation and support services was presented, along with the various services provided under the Mc-Kinney-Vento Act such as tutoring and professional development for school staff. The need for community involvement to assist families in need was also discussed. (Information was sent out in an email after the meeting)

Old Business

Community Survey is underway!

- When the survey is completed and approved, we will discuss further details about when we would like to share it and how long we would like to leave it open to collect appropriate data.

Kelsey gave information on some free Thanksgiving meals we have found happening around the community.

Justin Miller spoke on the opening of the warming center in Benton/West City.

- Looking to be open the 3rd week in December, hours 8 pm - 8 am.
- Wanting to keep the resource center running regularly during day hours, 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Volunteers needed to make all of this happen!!!** If interested in volunteering please contact Justin Miller at justinm@takeactiontoday.net

New Business:

Mandy spoke about next year's meetings to start rotating between Williamson and Franklin County. She is working on schedule for the locations and will let everyone know in advance. If anyone has any suggestions for where one could take place, please contact Mandy Hagen at mandyh@takeactiontoday.net

- Jacob Webb said he would check in with the Chief at Marion PD to see if we could use the available conference room.
- Sherry Smedshammer said she will check with Centerstone for West Frankfort and Marion locations for space.

The "Holiday Season" is coming up, if anyone has any upcoming food distributions, free holiday meals/baskets, or donation drives they are aware of please share the word!!!

- Feel free to post any information you acquire on the Franklin/Williamson 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.
- Shara said First Church of God in Marion has a free meal on Christmas Day and they will offer transportation to certain destinations.

Shara shared that she is 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

Next Meeting: December 18th @ 9:00 am

Location: 1805 W. Main St. Marion IL

Or by Zoom:

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