

Bond County Recovery Council Wednesday, January 8, 2025 10am-11:30am (probably only until 11am) Via Zoom/In Person at the SMART building 3rd Floor

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions <u>In Person:</u> Monique Brunious, Toni Randall

<u>Via Zoom:</u> Sarah Rench, Kelly Jefferson, Dusty Hanner, Alice Fitzsimmons, Patrick Miller, Heather Kapp, Jacob Dunavant, Meagan McGlasson, Nellie Baity, Alicia Moesner, Julie Pohlmann, Deb Beckmann, Kara Warden, Dan Hutchison, Tracy Dones, Alex Schneider, Sheridan Jordan, Amanda Zinkgraf, Mark Knott, Stephanie , Andrea Patterson

2. Review Old Business

*Completed Resource List-These are ready. They are much more extensive than the old ones and we are working on distributing them. We have some printed copies available here. These are a fluid document that will constantly be updated. These are attached to this email along with the Minutes. Please look over for any additions or changes.

**Meeting cards-Going to be sent to the printer soon. These also are a fluid document. So excited that we will be adding to these soon again because more meetings have been added in Bond County. We will order 500 this time instead of 1000. Need to add "Life Wellness Meeting", Monday's at 6pm, 106 2nd St, Mulberry Grove. I have attached this list. Please check for any errors and let me know.

3. Presentation-Alicia Moesner- Talking about the new WARM Grant & updating everyone on the RCORP work:

-Chestnut will be able to use a warm handoff. People discharged from prison, jail, hospital, transitioning withing the justice system (probation & parole), transferred from Oxford Houses or similar programs.

-Grant also helps: Metor link-St Clair County, bus riders expanded to Madison County

-RCORP-8 months to end. Started in 2022

-Working on a sustainability plan. Increase support for those leaving jails, looking into CRSS classes and expanding MAR services.

4. Strategic Plan Work Group Updates

-RCO Development-meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2-3pm via ZOOM. We are looking for a few more people to join this group. We are currently working with the "Next Network" from Litchfield about sharing services in Bond County. Kelly Jefferson, Patrick Miller, Shane Pinnell, Jon Magnuson, Amanda Zinkgraf, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Rev Bilyeu, Dusty Hanner, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting will be January 14th. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni Next Network will be starting to distribute Harm Reduction items in Bond County.

-Transportation-2:30-3:30pm, meet via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Melissa Marti, Michelle Miller, Jennifer Noel, Patrice White, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Amanda Zinkgraf, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. We are looking for ways to improve transportation in Bond County. The next meeting will be on January 21st. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni

-Stigma-2-3pm, meet at Lost & Found in Greenville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We are looking for projects to do within the community that will help to reduce Stigma. We are currently working on putting together "Unhoused Bags". Alice Fitzsimmons, Kelly Jefferson, Patrick Miller, Dusty Hanner, Amanda Zinkgraff, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting January 28th. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni. This group will be assembling bags for the unhoused as their next project.

5. New Business

-We held our 2nd Laundry Day. The next one will be this Saturday (January 11th) 11am to 1pm at the Laundromat on Beaumont

Community Survey. We will be distributing these very soon. They will be available through an online link, a QR code and paper copies. We are going to need EVERYONE's help. Our goal is to have 1000 of these filled out. We want to make sure that we are capturing an accurate picture of our community. Deadline will be 5 weeks.

-Unhoused bags-Reaching out to the faith based community to help with these. Planning to fill the bags on January 28th and start distributing in February. We are going to start with 50 bags.

*-New Celebrate Recovery-Started on September 15th at the Assembly of God Church in Sorento. Sunday's from 5:30-7:30. They will have dinner and childcare. We would love for anyone to share more about this meeting.

-SMART Recovery-Prairie Counseling Center, ONLY Tuesdays 6pm (no more Wednesday group)

-Lost & Found new times-

Sunday-Men's Bible Study 4pm, Service at 6:15pm Monday-Men's Recovery Group 7pm Tuesday-Women's Recovery Group 6:30pm Thursday-Women's Bible Study 10am Friday-Sober Bar 7-11pm

-Game Night-Saturday January 18th from 6-9pm, Special project coming up in February

6. Update from any Groups & Organizations

-Wellness Meeting being held on Monday nights at 6pm in Mulberry Grove. Below is that QR code with all of the information.



-Recovery Valentine's Dance being held by the Take Action Coalition of Clinton County at the VFW in Carlyle. See Flyer:



-Movie Premiere. It is free to attend but you must register ahead of time for your free ticket. BCRC would love to take a people mover down to this event.



-Sacred Spaces of CARE hopes you will join us for a Film Premiere & Panel Discussion as we present, Finding Jacob! We are thrilled to debut this powerful film and engage in meaningful conversation centered around recovery.

All are welcome. This is a film that is relevant to each of us. We highly encourage the following to attend: those in recovery, families of loved ones in active addiction or recovery, peer specialists, therapists, treatment providers, law enforcement, emergency medical professionals, nonprofit and social services agency representatives, community leaders, faith communities. This is a message we ALL need to hear. We heal together. Recovery is possible.

EVENT INFO:

Doors open at 1pm. Open seating.

Tickets are free of charge, but must be reserved.

https://www.eventbrite.com/.../film-premier-panel...

1pm-2pm - Resource booths located in the lobby; light refreshments will be served.

2pm-3pm - Welcome Introduction & Film Premiere

3pm-4pm - Panel Discussion

Hatheway Cultural Center is located on the campus of Lewis and Clark Community College. The campus can be accessed from Godfrey Road via either the north or south entrance. The venue and event parking are notated on the campus map provided. Parking is free of charge. Food, beverage, or any type of smoking/vaping are not allowed inside the venue 7. General Reminders

-Advisory Board for People with Lived Experience. In 2024 we will be meeting every month on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm. We meet at Senior Center for now. Free drinks & \$20 GC for attending & contributing. Next meeting is January 8th at 7pm-8:30pm.

-The Advisory Board will also be hosting Family Game night on the 3rd Saturday night of the month from 6-9pm at the Senior Center. Next Family Game Night is January 18th. Back to a regular schedule

-Bond County Transit Program- Transit bus will take people to Vandalia on Tuesday (Walmart & Aldi) and Highland on Thursday (Walmart & Ruler) to more stores than what is in Greenville. It is a flat rate of \$10 to be picked up at your house and taken back after the trip. 15 bags of groceries allowed. Call Bond County Transit the day before to set up ride. Recovery council now has vouchers for those in the Recovery Community who do service work.

-AMARE Family Support, Jamie Armstrong Certified Recovery Coach. She can connect people to several groups & support networks. She works in St Clair, Madison, Christian & Jersey. She can work with families from Bond County virtually. For more information reach out to her at Jaime Armstrong jarmstrong@amarenfp.org

-REFLECTIONS-Prairie Counseling Center, 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am.

-HEALERS group meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at the Senior Center at 11am. New materials have arrived. Good stuff happening here.

8. FREE Virtual Narcan Training each month by Chestnut. For more information email <u>SR-NARCAN@chestnut.org</u>. The Recovery Council also has FREE Narcan for anyone who needs it.

Future Meeting Dates for 2025:

February 12, 2025	July 9, 2025
March 12, 2025	August 13, 2025
April 9, 2025	September 10, 2025
May 14, 2025	October 8, 2025
June 10, 2025	November 12, 2025
	December 9, 2025

BCRC Vision: Working together to build and maintain safer and healthier communities of recovery and hope.

BCRC Mission: To empower the Bond County communities to support prevention and recovery through awareness, policy, education, stigma reduction and access to quality services.