

January 2025 ROSC Consortium Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 27, 2025

Time: 2PM-3PM

Location: Beacon Church (622 N Franklin Litchfield IL) & via Zoom.

Facilitator: Michelle Dettwiler

Tech: Brittney Card

Attendees (online): Carmen Lanham-FGC, Carissa Van Den Berk Clarke-SLU/St. Francis Way Clinic, Carrie McKinzie-Gateway, Charity Griggs-CEFS, Christina White-SUPR Prevention/Substance Use, Dawna Egelhoff-South Central Hospital, Heather Kapp-NAMI SWI, Jeffrey Isbell-Meridian Health Systems, Johanna Gonzalez-IDHS/SUPR, Julie Pohlman-ROSC Region 4 TA, Mark Knott-MERC, Stephanie Carson-Gateway, Vawnshekia Oklah-Southeast Side Cook County ROSC

In Person: Kevin Schott, Kelly Jefferson-NAMI, Sam Brown-Fifth Street Renaissance, Chris Stanford-TASC, Chas Swearingen-LPBHC, Jeffrey Hamilton-Jaydy Records LLC, Steven Bryant-Litchfield Parks District, Savannah Holthaus-ROE #3, Aurora Plake-TASC, Jennifer Odle-Next Network, Lauren Davidson-Next Network, Elyse Schoen-St. Francis Way Clinic, Lindsey Minor-St. Francis Way Clinic, Jon Magnuson-Next Network, Greg Santoni-TASC, Kayla Frayer-TASC, Nate Nichols-CIPT

- ROSC consortium logo board – if not on this logo board, let MD know and she can get you added.
- Social media: Facebook, organizational spotlights, ROSC updates, please friend/follow
- Next Network: Youth prevention, advocacy + prevention – made it 2 pages so can send out in events, gathered up fliers so can distribute to youth services.
- Adrienne Edwards created a transportation list – sent via email listserve. We are hoping to get these resource lists out for different focuses.
- Quote of month: “Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things but just look what they can do when they stick together.”
- Nathan Nichols – Manager with Central Illinois Public Transit and IL CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation- operate in 7 counties (Shelby, Moultrie, Christian, Montgomery, Fayette, Clay, Effingham) – responsible for services door to door. General hours of operation 6-6 PM (see slide). To call and schedule a ride, call toll free 855-755-2478. We like 24-hour notice – can do the same day but can't guarantee an opening. You can schedule a ride after hours, but it will go to voice mail. You will get a call back as soon as the voicemail is checked by staff. The cost to schedule a ride is \$3 per stop, children 6-12 \$2. There are monthly passes

(unlimited (\$35), reduce fair ID cards (application on website). If you are over 60, you can get a card in 8-10 days – get via donation, disability \$15 for the card.

- Assisted living facilities use our services regularly - have ID cards when boarding– when people from assisted living facilities go on a ride they check out, get on their bus. This is why it's a good idea to have a lanyard. Payment must be presented when you get on the bus. We do have billing agreements with organizations. Don't sell passes because it can be wasteful.
- Medicaid will pay in and out of county. Several MCOs that work with us. We recommend anyone that has any type of insurance – we have an insurance person on staff – who can see if insurance to pay for the trip.
- All vehicles are ADA compliant, have lifts, and have ramps for mobility vehicles.
- Can't go into a home, can't go into a facility – they must remain in site of vehicles
- You can have your children on the bus, child seats not required but they do need to be secured by the parents.
- If riding in minivans – if under 8 or under 40lbs must be in safety seat.
- Transportation – we try to be flexible – even if it is up to an hour beforehand, sometimes we can accommodate.
- If you have a service animal, it is permitted, otherwise other animals need to be in a carrier.
- See slides for contact information
- We have a dispatcher that speaks Spanish. To get an official translator, we need a certain % of population.
- We are open to everybody – we are not just a “senior or disability bus”.
- We have quarterly meetings in March and then in October.
- We do track denials to get more funding to get more buses and to get drivers to serve at different times. We have to show the demand to make those changes.
- Funded via State and Federal grants. Counties can donate. We are doing fine in Montgomery County for drivers but in Christian County, we are having a hard time. When we have more funding, we can do more.
- When people call ahead of time, they call for appointments – we can't just do a precise time, we can't offer the same time – often to multiple people.
- Qualifications for drivers – do background checks, have to have a good driving record, felonies could be an issue but give it a try. Must be 21, have a valid driving license, will give you CDL training
- Speaker covers all counties and contact if someone needs a speaker.
- MD went over the slides and clarified that asset map and needs assessment were the same document during previous years. This year, the asset map was separated from the needs assessment and many of the previous sections had to be moved to the needs assessment including priorities for expansion, readiness, demographics, technical assistance, etc.
- Any technical assistance that we need? (no answer)

- Update on survey? The goal was 730 cumulatively between Macoupin & Montgomery counties – 403 surveys as of this morning. The survey information will go into the needs assessment due in February.
- We need more men to fill the survey because we don't have adequate response rate from men.
- The entire state of IL is also doing a survey so check local ROSC pages.
- Joanna Gonzalez – commented that she loved the work on this document – having 40 pages is phenomenal.
- Come to planning committee meeting if you want to get more involved – especially planning events and engagement with community
- Feb 24/ 2PM Next ROSC Meeting
- Community Updates
 - Community Wellness Committee/708 – Montgomery – next meeting Feb 12 10 AM Beacon Church – changed the chair, Laurie Hopkins and Jen Carron
 - 608 Schools in Montgomery County decided to do a Handle w/Care program in their school. Gillespie school district youth committee have learned to use Narcan, and they are designing a video to distribute. They are also planning a safety and violent relationship, and at the end of the month will have speaker come, have a game show come it. We are also working with SAMSHA –to teach parents how to talk to their kids about drugs and mental health. There is also an app – Talk they Hear you Program. We are also talking with ROSC to have it at a ROSC meeting as well. That meeting takes place next week at Carlinville Safety Center (flyer).
 - The Youth Committee will be reporting ot ROSC next month.
 - Poverty Simulation Litchfield Feb. 26th. Please register by the 21st. There is a fee, and a portion of the fee will be donated back to a local homeless organization. It is 8:30-noon. If you work for an agency and attend, please leave agency information. Litchfield District Office. \$20.
 - TASC – Don't have anything in Macoupin County – we have a division meeting every month – I would love any of you to join every month