



MERC Meeting Summary

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97144229718>

Dec. 19th, 2024

Welcome and Introductions (in attendance)

Mark Knott- Chestnut/MERC

Angella Holloway- Chestnut/MERC

Dan Hutchison- Chestnut/ROSC and OEND-DOPP

Alex Schneider- HSHS

Ashley Ramos- Gateway Foundation

Bev Holland-CHS/Statewide ROSC

Deb Beckmann-Statewide ROSC

Dusty Hanner-Chestnut-OEND

Elbert Jennings-Illinois State Police

Heather Kapp-NAMI

Jeanelle Absursuk-Housing Specialist/DCFD

Jen Nagel-Fischer-Porchlight Collective SAP

Johanna Gonzalez- ROSC-SUPR

Kelly Jefferson- NAMI

Michelle Brooks- Madison County 708 MH Board

Monique Brunious -CHS/Bond County ROSC

Morgan Hempen-CHS/SUPS

Paul Fischer- Porchlight Collective SAP

Patrick Small- HSHS

Patrick Miller- CHS/CCE Faith & Recovery

Ryen Stone-CHS/SUPS

Skyler Wickiser- CHS/Impact Youth

Stephanie Everheart-Chestnut

Toni Randall- CHS/Bond County ROSC

Tracy Dones- CHS/CCE Faith & Recovery

TL White- Community Member

Tyrone Hill-AMARE nfp

Violette Books-Chestnut-OEND

Old Business

Dan Hutchison Associate Director and council member discussed the ROSC community survey we are releasing with a QR code (for Survey Monkey) on business cards and flyers to distribute amongst the council members and community organizations willing to distribute in the Madison and St. Clair County communities. There will be 10,000 of each to distribute so please feel free to reach out to MERC if you are willing to help. You can email MERC@chestnut.org or call Mark Knott @ 618-403-0824.

There will be an attached copy of what the cards and flyers will look like. Once it is ready to be distributed, we will ask you all to share it with your contacts and those in your own community. The more data we are able to collect, the better we will be able to hone in on strengths and gaps in our service area. This will help shape the work of the council in the coming months.

New Business

Brief discussion on the survey and where we are getting it out to thus far:

- Pride Fitness
- APD
- WRPD
- South Roxana Casey's
- South Roxana Dollar General
- Alton Hampton Inn
- Alton Mart (On Main, where Casey's used to be)
- Alton Planet Fitness
- Wood River McDonald's
- Wood River America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses
- The boxing club members at the Alton YWCA
- * Edwardsville Library
- * IRC in Swansea
- * AMARE in Woodriver
- * Local bulletin boards at Panera's
- * SIU Edwardsville
- * More places on the way

Please help us get this out to more places in our community contact MERC @ merc@chestnut.org

See attachments for upcoming events in February

Announcements and upcoming events

At the Edwardsville Library there are monthly Stigma conversations along with Narcan demonstrations which will continue to be held on the 3rd or 4th Wed of each month check the library Facebook page schedule. A link to the Facebook back can be found on their website: [Home | Edwardsville Public Library](#)

Weekly Early recovery meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at 144 E Ferguson in Wood River (Amare) these meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be paused until the new year starting 12/24 and resume 1/7/25. For more information reach out to Tyrone Hill thill@amarefp.org or Mark Knott maknott@chestnut.org

Next Meeting Info

January 16th, 2024, at 9:00am. This meeting will be Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/97144229718>

Metro East Recovery Council (MERC) Vision:

A community system that nurtures and supports individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery for themselves or a loved one.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Mission:

Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery.

**See attachments for
examples of cards and
flyers and more events
to come in February**