



MERC Meeting Agenda

9:00 a.m. Hybrid in person- Zoom

<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

Alicia Moesner- CHS/RCORP

Ashley Ramos- Gateway Foundation

Bev Holland-CHS/Statewide ROSC

Charles Martin-TASC St. Clair/Cook Cnty

Danielle Vinson-TASC Madison/St. Clair Cnty

Deb Beckmann-Statewide ROSC

Greg Norkus- St. Clair County Probation

Jeanelle Absursuk-Housing Specialist/DCFD

Jen Nagel-Fischer-Porchlight Collective SAP

Johanna Gonzalez- ROSC-SUPR

Kara Wardein-CHS/RCORP

Kathy Kehrer- CHS/CCE

Kristin Anderson- CHS/CCBHC

Kelly Jefferson- NAMI

Michelle Brooks- Madison County 708 MH Board

Morgan Hempen-CHS/SUPS

Paul Fischer- Porchlight Collective SAP

Ryen Stone-CHS/SUPS

Skyler Wickiser- CHS/Impact Youth

Toni Randall- CHS/Bond County ROSC

Tracy Dones- CHS/CCE Faith & Recovery

TL White- Community Member

Patrick Small- HSHS

Patrick Miller- CHS/CCE Faith & Recovery

Tisha Lancaster- DCFS

Tawana Howard- St. Clair County Health Department

### **Old Business**

**Mark Knott** shared about an event hosted by the ROSC and our local RCO (Amare) on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm that was held in Roxana at the Nazarene Community Theater this event was cancelled due to inclement weather. There was a second event though at the same venue on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> this was a viewing of Polar Express put on by Amare and MERC. This event was FREE and open to the public. There was a great attendance for this event with many smiling faces of parents and children. MERC and AMARE will be hosting more events in the upcoming spring time, we will keep you posted on the next events. If you'd like to attend with your agencies resource information or send some resources to be available, please connect with Mark at [maknott@chestnut.org](mailto:maknott@chestnut.org)

### **New Business**

Dusty Hanner council member shared on the work she has been doing in the food pantry's handing out the Narcon rescue kits. The avg has been 50 per day per food pantry for a total this month of 250 rescue kits handed out. The kits include 4 doses of Naloxone, 2 face mask CPR shields, 1 hand sanitizer and information packets on where to go/call for treatment services or more Naloxone.

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](mailto: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.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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@amarenfp.org](mailto:thill@amarenfp.org) or Mark Knott [maknott@chestnut.org](mailto: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 Below for examples  
of cards and flyers**