



Franklin/Williamson County ROSC

Meeting Minutes

02/19/2025 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees:

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

Sherry Smedshammer- Centerstone Crisis Resource Developer
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Kelsey Driskell- ROSC Support Specialist, TAT kelseydriskell@takeactiontoday.net

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

Anthony Arington- Southern Illinois Reentry aarington@southernillinoisreentry.org

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

Shara Robison– Community Develop Coordinator, TATsharar@takeactiontoday.net

Mike Tyson- Community Engagement Center TAT mtyson@takeactiontoday.net

Brigitte Kittle– Chestnut Health System bskittel@chesnut.org

Shauna Hale – Medical Respite Outreach Coordinator, TAT
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Teri Moore– Program Planner, Circle of Care terim@hourhouserecovery.org

Jamie Griffin– Case Manager, So. IL Coalition For The Homeless
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Katie DePew– Clergy, Williamson County Jail Katherine_depew@aol.com

Craig Lynch – CADC, Centerstone Connections Program craig.lynch@centerstone.org

Brittney Hale - Home Visit Specialist, PCA IL bhale@pcaillinois.org

Amber Bridgman – TASC abridgman@tasc.org

Teea Ferrel - Program Coordinator, Base Program TAT teeaf@takeactiontoday.net

Deb Beckmann- SROSC dsbeckmann@chestnut.org

Kelli Corner - SIH Community Benefits of SO. IL Tobacco Disparities Partnership
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Angel – unsure, but we hope they keep coming back!

Rachel Chruszczyk - Prevent Child Abuse Illinois rchruszczyk@pcaillinois.org

John Steve - Executive Director Herrin House of Hope steve87success@yahoo.com

Nancy Henderson - TAT Board superwoman1972@yahoo.com

Aisha Esquivel - Outreach Manager Illinois Helpline aesquivel@hria.org

Michelle Buckley - Outreach Oxford House michelle.buckley@oxfordhouse.org

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone shared a personal introduction.

Approval of 12/18/24 meeting minutes

1st motion to approve Anthony Arington

2nd motion to approve Christina Manchen

Discussion

Katie Depew discussed some information about the gaps in service for mental health and the different struggles and barriers she has gathered while researching homelessness programs in different areas and how they could be helpful to our community. She discussed a new program for the community to send a licensed professional out to de-escalate situations for police departments. Carbondale already has started this and it seems to be working well. She stated that the City of Marion may be looking for licensed professionals soon. If you know anyone interested in these positions, contact Mayor Absher mayorabsher@cityofmarionil.gov

Subcommittees:

Mandy would like to see us assign a couple of subcommittees to help us plan outreach events, spread the word of the FWRC and help PLE's fulfill their time with healthy activities.

- This will also help us bring PLE's to the table and allow them to feel comfortable with their specific subcommittee.
- We could do an Outreach Committee and PLE Committee.
- One representative from FWRC could head each committee.
- The head of the committee will bring back what's happening with the subcommittee to the FWRC monthly meeting.

We have discussed in the past hosting Recovery Family Fun Nights and we are interested in doing a skating night, bowling night, swim night, game night in the park.

- If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let Mandy know.
- If we could put together a PLE subcommittee they would be able to hold these events.

Christina Manchen is interested in helping with an Outreach Committee.

Michelle Buckley is interested in helping with Outreach and PLE Committee.

Old Business

Mandy went over the community survey results:

- 126 total responses but a majority of them were from other states.
- We had a total of 32 responses we could use.
- A majority of respondents were unaware of harm reduction services and MAR treatment
- A majority of respondents did not know what harm reduction or MAR even was.

Anthony Airington recommended using a new platform next year and getting paper copies into the jails, recovery housing, and recovery programs through utilizing those on the ROSC Council that work in those environments.

Mandy noted that we know the community needs to be educated on what Harm Reduction and MAR treatment is and we need to keep that in mind when planning upcoming events.

Last year FWRC partnered with TAT Harm Reduction program and hosted local “Pop-Up” events so that is something we will look into again this year among other events.

Aisha Esquivel is willing to help with providing MAR Education for FWRC.

Christina Manchen is willing to help with surveys or hosting focus groups in the future.

New Business

FWRC has partnered with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, and we are promoting the Blue Light Bulb Campaign in order to “Light It Up Blue” for Child Abuse Prevention Month is coming up in April.

- If you or your organization would like to get involved or would like to donate blue light bulbs, please contact Mandy Hagen mandyh@takeactiontoday.net
- Here is the link for the light bulbs they have ordered before https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09VMH9RGP?psc=1&ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ct_4X48894359VYHAHY2GKY_1
- We want to make a proclamation at Benton Square and Mike Tyson is getting us some contact information to try to move that forward.
- We would like everyone to be involved in helping plan this and spread the word.
- We are thinking about April 8th or 9th @ 5:00 PM.

Anthony Airington asked how many light bulbs we need for the event.

- Rachel answered, letting him know we didn't have a set amount but would just like to be able to give those attending the event a free blue light bulb.
- Anthony will get in touch with Mandy and help with the light bulbs.

SIDAC is coming up March 13th -14th and is looking for vendors to set up. If your organization would like to take part and set up a table please contact Jackie Welch at jackiew@siu.edu

- All who register for the conference by Feb. 27 will receive an early bird discount.

- To sign up, call Events and Outreach at 618-536-7751 or download the online registration form:
<https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/common/documents/2025-sidac-registration-form-participants.pdf>
- Continuing education units and professional development hours will be offered for participants in a wide variety of occupations.

Upcoming Events

-March 13th -14th SIDAC @ SIU

-April 1st Southern Illinois Housing Security Summit @ The Pavillion

-April 15th -16th Together For Youth Summit @ JALC

Shara shared that the Southern Illinois Recovery Network will be hosting a SIRN Conference on May 23rd.

- They are in the process of putting together a planning committee and will have updates soon. STAY TUNED!

Next Meeting: March 19th @ 9:00 am

Location: 1805 W. Main Street, Marion IL

Or by Zoom:

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