



Perry/ Jackson ROSC Council
(Hybrid) Meeting 2/18/2025 @ 1:00 PM

Attendees

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

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Jessica Bradshaw – IL DV Hotline, So. IL Supportive Service Coordinator

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Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of 02/18/2025 meeting minutes:

1st motion to approve by Sherry Smedshammer

2nd motion to approve by Shara Robinson

Presentation By:

Craig Lynch who has been with Centerstone for 3 years and has been with Connections since August of last year. He has a master's in psychology and a CADC credentialed. He has been in recovery for over 10 years. He is the coordinator for the Connections program that serves 4 counties in southern Illinois: Franklin, Williamson, Jackson, and Union. They work with individuals 18 and older who

currently experience homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The clients must have substance use problems to qualify for this program. They may also have co-occurring with substance use and mental health. The program provides intense case management to overcome barriers which include transportation, employment, and housing. This program helps to build support systems, reduce substance use, improve mental health, and reduce court system involvement. He discussed the critical time interventions of the discharge from a psychiatric inpatient or correctional setting. He discussed the components such as time-limited, phased approach, decreases in intensity over time, community-based, harm reduction approach, and smaller caseloads. If anyone would like to learn more feel free to email him. Craig.Lynch@centerstone.org

Old Business:

Mandy went over the community survey results:

- 124 total responses but the majority of them were from other states.
- We had a total of 27 responses we could use.
- 85% didn't know what Perry/Jackson ROSC was.
- 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.

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 PJRC 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.

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

New Business:

SIDAC is coming up March 13th-14th and is looking for vendors. 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.

Aaron Siebert also discussed that there will be an open job fair at the event.

Discussion

We discussed Spring Events to work on in Perry/Jackson County.

- Anti-Stigma Event
- Doing a float for St. Patrick's Day Parade March 22nd
- Getting involved in community events
- Resource Event
- Recovery Family Fun Nights
- Education for Recovery Services

If anyone is interested in helping or take part in the Murphysboro St. Patrick's Day Parade it is March 22nd at 11:00am please let Mandy know.

- Mandy thanked Kelsey for bringing this up and encouraged others to let us know about upcoming parades, fairs, events, outreaches because we talked about getting involved in them before and believes getting involved with help spread the word of the PJRC.

Subcommittees:

Mandy would like to see us assign a couple of subcommittees to help us plan outreach events, spread the word of the PJRC 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 PJRC could head each committee.
- The head of the committee will bring back what's happening with the subcommittee to the PJRC monthly meeting.

We have discussed in the past hosting Recovery Family Fun Nights, and we are interested in doing skating nights, 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.

If anyone has any ideas feel free to share!

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 @ 1:00PM

Location: 809 W. Main Street Carbondale, IL

Or by Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92445073407?pwd=RkRCV2NWR05jVVhENzdqRDdJR0w1QT09>