



Livingston County ROSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 6th, 2025, 12-1 pm

Via Zoom

Attendees:

- John Schneider, Livingston ROSC
- Autumn Olowo, Livingston ROSC
- Kari Knapp, Livingston ROSC
- Kami Garrison, Statewide ROSC
- Bahiyah Khalilallah, Statewide ROSC
- Deb Beckman, Statewide ROSC
- Patty Haberkorn-Futures Unlimited
- Diane Hodgson-Futures Unlimited
- Tim Jenkins-Futures Unlimited
- Teresa Diemer-IHR
- Shayla Mays-IHR
- Caitlyn Chagoya-IHR
- Rhonda Looney-IHR
- Tracy Wolf-Boys and Girls Clubs
- Del Saam-Veterans Treatment Court
- Carol Sims-Health Alliance
- Shannon Lawler-Heartland Head Start
- Lena Bankert-Heartland Head Start
- Abby Behrens-Brightpoint
- Taylor Hartman-LCMHB
- Caroline McLeese-Salvation Army
- Erick Mund-Livingston County Probation
- Melissa Johnson-LifeCil
- Sandra Beecher-Gateway Foundation
- John Salzer-Heartland Community College
- Lauren Michalski-Safe Journeys

*Note: You can review other meeting recordings at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@livingstoncountyrosc9004>

ROSC Updates

FY25 Community Survey

- Looking to gauge the levels of need and awareness of mental health and substance use treatment services
- Distributed December-February 1st, 136 responses, not counting paper surveys
- **Please get any paper surveys to John Schneider**

FY25 Resource Map

- Comprehensive list of medical, youth, SUD, and community services and supports available in Livingston County
- Please contact ROSC team if you have any updates to services

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- Access the Resource Map through our Virtual Resource Guide
<https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>

Slido Poll: How can the ROSC continue promoting the available resources in our community?

- Social media posts (x5)
- Pass out with food pantry items
- Send out to school to share with families (x2)
- Credible testimonies from community members
- Continued communication
- Local events
- Churches
- Group presentations
- Post in public places such as hospital/doctor's offices, grocery store, and restaurants (x2)
- Attend community events and be present at different locations in the community
- Showbus/taxi services
- Courthouse

Guest Speaker: Teresa Diemer: Transportation/Uber and Lyft Possibilities

- **Teresa:** Showbus is not running its normal cycle. Teresa made aware of this 1 month ago, and same with City of Pontiac. Contract between McLean and Livingston County. McLean pulled out of the contract and Livingston County is not taking on the whole contract. Showbus is only running for Medicaid appointments
- **Erik Mund:** County is working with Ford County to get Showbus working here again in Livingston County. Hopefully it will be better than it was before. Livingston is in charge of bringing Ford County into the grant. Prospects to open up again.
- **Teresa:** Rumor that City does not allow Uber/Lyft. Not true. Area is covered for Lyft, and likely for Uber.
- **Melissa:** Question: Is there any agency charged with transportation for Livingston County?
- **Teresa:** There is not one agency in charge of transportation for the entire county. Claire from OSF would look into this opportunity further.
- **Patty:** Futures Unlimited is pursuing potential to provide transportation to people who are on Medicaid and eventually Medicare. This will be a service for people outside of whom Future directly serves. In the next couple months should have the program started.
- **John:** Was Iroquois County originally in talks of Showbus?
- **Erik:** Yes, but they are no longer involved.
- **John:** Gibson Area Hospital got a grant for transportation to their facilities.
- **Model for Transportation Services:** <https://www.citransition.com/transportation/we-care-inc-tazewellwoodford-county>



Guest Speaker: Caroline Mcleese- Housing in Livingston County

- Reviewing Pontiac Housing Survey assessment.
- Findings: housing needs to be safer and more adequate.
- Updates: Livingston County Housing Authority is working on selling their Chatsworth property. Relocating residents to different places in the county. Effort has been successful. The goal is to buy or build new property in Pontiac to suit the needs of the city.
- 228 homeless people (men, women, children) in 2024 that Salvation Army came in contact with. The number counts temporarily homeless, people sent to other areas, chronically homeless. Contact with 12 individuals in 2025, with some crossover from 2024.
- EFSP funds used to put people into hotels to shelter temporarily. The meeting scheduled to introduce the new phase was cancelled indefinitely. Uncertainty for the future.
- Does this count people from the Fiesta? Only if they contact Salvation Army for services
- Caitlin: Does this include students without a consistent place to live?
- Caroline: Don't see a lot of children individually. Anticipate the numbers are a lot higher. Adults would need to report if their children are homeless. *Homeless: adequate or safe housing. Two families in 1 household meant for one family, living at the Fiesta, living outside.*
- Teresa: Pontiac School would know students who have a higher need related to food insecurity
- Caitlin: Boys and Girls Club helping meet the need for food insecurity
- Caroline: ROE counted over 500 students in the counties they serve.

Agency Updates:

- Abby B (BrightPoint)- Contact Abby if you would like service brochures directly dropped off to you. Services cover Livingston, Ford, Logan, McLean, and Woodford.
Abehrens@brightpoint.org
- Teresa (IHR)- Substance use, mental health, psychiatric, mediation, prevention, family support groups, crisis services. Get you in for DUIs in 1-2 weeks. Waiting list for mental health services. ED and Teresa are doing 2-3 two-hour sessions to help people on the waiting list.
- Melissa (LifeCil)- If you are sharing about our program, call office to make sure someone is there. LifeCil assists people with disabilities, offers amplified phones for those with hearing challenges, low-vision program assists people ages 55+, younger can still get in touch. Equipment loan program: Cannot take electrical items. If they are selling electrical items, they can post that, but it cannot be donated. Cannot take oxygen tanks or hosing. Main items they take: walkers, seated walkers, transport chairs, canes, crutches, commodes, knee scooters, wheelchairs. If they are looking for an in-home PA, they can get a referral for in-home health.

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- Del (Veterans Treatment Court): Work with people who have a non-violent crime: DUIs, domestic, some gun charges. Treat for mental health, substance use, PTSD. If they complete the program, their case gets closed.
- Sandra (Gateway): Gateway offers virtual SUD services out of their Springfield location if people cannot get services or travel.
- Time (Futures Unlimited): Created a Community Behavioral Health Clinic in which they serve Livingston County population. Focus has been developmental delays and disorders. Not a requirement to receive services. No exclusionary criteria for substance use. Primary is mental health but they can also treat substance use if it is a dual diagnosis. Call the main number at 815-482-1122 or behavioral health center 815-842-1912. 24 hour crisis line to get people scheduled for outpatient services.
- Lena (Heartland Head Start)- Looking for events families can attend to recruit for their preschool, 0-3 or home-based program. Looking for activities that are low-cost or free.
 - Autumn: Annual Recovery Month Event
 - John: Will send HHS the events list and how they can be involved. Educating for Change and Recovery in Action Subcommittee (4th Wednesday each month at Livingston Co. Health Dept). Can link together on resources.
- Del: Grants available for youth. <https://ilprairiecf.org/>

Upcoming Trainings

- February 26th: Harm Reduction in the Community Perspective. 12-1:30 pm.
 - Register here: <https://www.coalitionssupport.org/trainings>
- Youth or Adult Mental Health First Aid
 - Learn more: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>
 - \$30 per person, usually done in a 1-day, 8-hr session

March Meeting

- Thursday March 6th from 12-1 pm via Zoom
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91925670666?pwd=eFZGQnFkTW41UjN2bGtNSHdldlBisyZz09>

April in-person Meeting

- Thursday April 3rd. Location TBD; will be scheduled in the morning time frame.

Virtual Resource Guide/Social Media

- Virtual Resource Guide: <https://www.jotform.com/app/231105805739152>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonCountyRecovers>

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