

PLE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2026

Attendees

Nicki Hanks, James Sanders, Andy Brandenburg, Abbey Parrish, Paige Luedke, Megan Erwin, Mikey Shanks, and Jacqui Miller.

Narcan Training Update

The committee received a brief update on recent Narcan training efforts and discussed continued outreach throughout the community.

Strike Out Stigma Bowling Event

A brief update was provided on the Strike Out Stigma bowling event and its continued planning.

Recovery Picnic

The committee finalized plans for the annual Recovery Picnic. The event will be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The **Wellness Walk** will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, followed by the **Recovery Picnic** from **11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The committee agreed to serve a taco bar again this year.

Candlelight Vigil

The annual Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for **Monday, August 31, 2026**, at **New Beginnings Church** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Megan and Matt will each share their recovery testimonies, and Jacqui will read the names during the remembrance portion of the event.

Recovery Month Community Partnerships

The committee brainstormed ways to increase community involvement during Recovery Month. Members will reach out to Fizz, Curly Q, Betty Jane's, and Scooters to see if they would be interested in creating a special Recovery Month-themed drink. The committee also discussed partnering with a local tattoo shop to host a flash tattoo sale during the first weekend of September in support of Recovery Month.

Backpack Drive

The committee discussed launching a backpack drive to benefit individuals experiencing homelessness. James and Jessica will begin organizing the project and will create a flyer.

Potential donation box locations include Casey's, the Health Department, the Fire Department, the Catholic Church, and The Rec.

Communication

Jessica will create a Messenger group to provide committee members with meeting updates, reminders, and copies of future PLE Subcommittee meeting minutes.

Narcan Outreach Expansion

The committee discussed expanding Narcan distribution throughout the community. Potential outreach locations include all four DOP sites, Paris Family, all three local hotels, Royal Heights, the apartment buildings, State Farm, the new building pools, and McDonald's.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2026, 2:00 PM, in person at 504 East Jasper St., Paris, IL