



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time/Location: 6/8/26 @ noon. Jersey County Health Department or online via Teams Meeting
- Location: 1307 State Highway 109. Jerseyville, IL. 62052
- Next Meeting: 7/13/26 @ noon.
- Attendance:
 - Rita Robertson
 - Rachel Klocke
 - Meaghan McGlasson
 - Greg Santoni
 - Johanna Garcia
 - Nicholas Settles
 - Codi Poe
 - Heidi Carter
 - Arielle Bozarth
 - Carrie McKenzie
 - Emily Simpon
 - Lisa Wojack
 - Keppen Clanton

Guest Speaker: Arielle Bozarth

Arielle Bozarth reported Jane's House, a new 501(c)(3) sober living nonprofit, is near finalizing purchase of a small property on Main Street in Alton (near the Boys and Girls Club) with ownership expected in roughly two to three weeks and applications targeted by year-end pending fundraising and renovations. Program design emphasizes stability and accountability through required monthly MAP packets, mandatory life-skills workshops, volunteer hours, and employment/education expectations; it is a nonmedical transitional home that will refer residents to external treatment. Proposed admission criteria include a minimum of 30 days sobriety and a passed drug test; exclusions for certain violent or sexual offenses are being determined by insurance constraints. Residents can be from any local county. Major barriers are limited grant eligibility without prior service numbers and slow, restrictive insurance underwriting; Arielle is pursuing donations and in-kind labor. Participants suggested exploring county opioid settlement funds, T-Mobile community grants. A local housing committee was proposed- council member stated that local community member has tried to start a sober house within the last few years. Plans to connect and discuss process/barriers.

Clinical pathways and hospital engagement

The team confirmed an agreement to keep Suboxone stocked in the hospital pharmacy while leaving prescribing to individual ER providers, a setup flagged as inconsistent with other medication practices and a barrier to consistent care. ER leadership attended earlier discussions but key prescribing providers were absent and staff turnover risks sustainment. The group recommended targeted one-on-one outreach to top ER prescribers. Existing pathways include MAR clinic bridge scripts via hotline referrals, with a need for clearer provider-to-patient communication when referrals are placed. The team met and connected JCH ER Medical director and BJC stabilization unit. Overall positive experience, but more follow up is needed. Former ER director and RN, Nick Albrecht is leaving- needing to reconnect with new leadership. More follow up meetings with overall team!

Events and community outreach:

An Overdose Awareness event is scheduled for August 29 at Walk Lake; organizers are compiling 10 years of overdose data and seeking speakers (bereaved family member, survivor, person in recovery) and volunteers for memorial displays. Looking for resource booths- please reach out to Rachel if you have any connections to SUD/MH resources or people who would be willing to outreach. Tables so far: NAMI, JCHD, Jersey County ROSC. Looking to ask Salvation Army, Got Faith, Local Counseling, would love JCH MAR info! Have reached out to Sacred Spaces, Centerstone, Chestnut, Gateway without any luck.

Planning ahead

: Recovery Awareness Month in September will include kicking off our Anti- Stigma Campaign- working on materials to include in a recovery/ROSC educational box to distribute to community partners/businesses in community. Save a life day= 9/24- plans to pass out box and Narcan to those partners!

Codi to discuss with Sheriff if we can put purple solar lights in courthouse lawn to light up the town purple for recovery awareness month. Also looking to place flags in courthouse lawn to represent persons in jersey county lost to OD- fingers crossed that we can make this happen! Just a few things we are planning on, as well as a pro social event- bowling night?

Programs, funding, and reentry supports:

Nick reported consistent All Recovery meetings, re-signing for another term with Recovery Corps to further support recovery in Jersey County. Rachel discussed an upcoming part-time project coordinator role, a successful personal hygiene drive, and available funded Smart Train slots- if you know anyone who may be interested in completing SMART training- flier with this information will be attached to email.

Sarah Crawford discussed Funding opportunities and recent grants that she has applied for to further support Recovery and Treatment within JCH. These include potential HRSA awards for treatment and peer services (up to \$3 million over four years) and separate rural health transformation funds, noting competitive selection. Jersey County applied for funds to provide track phones at release from county jail to improve appointment continuity and employment outreach; peers have been approved to provide weekly services inside the jail or as needed- tricky with the SAFE-T act.

The team agreed to shift more resource delivery to the jail booking process and to laminate/post flyers inside the jail to prevent resources being discarded at release.

Gateway announced a June 23 virtual CE training and July community open houses and will circulate flyers for distribution.