

Presenter

Elyse Schoen

Attendance (in person)

Kevin Schott: NAMI SW board member, Maria Clark: Executive Director at Locust Street Resource Center, Starla King: Recovery Corps Peer Support at the Next Network, Amber Canada: Recovery Corps/Peer Support at the Next Network, Jon Magnuson: Executive Director at the NN, Samantha Brown: Peer Support Outreach at 5th Street Renaissance, Freddi Lamaster: Recovery Corps Project Coordinator at the NN, Morgan Szwan: Lincoln Prairie, Cindy Rice: St. Paul's Episcopal member

Attendance (online)

Johanna Gonzalas: Statewide ROSC, Carmen Lanham: Family Guidance Center, SR-ROSC team, Caitlin: 100 Club of Illinois, Ingrid: NN, Chas Swearingen: Locust Street Resource Center, Rachel, Cameron Corbin: Locust Street Resource Center, CFellin

Quick recap

The meeting focused on reviewing past tasks and discussing upcoming initiatives for the ROSC (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) consortium. Elyse led the discussion through several key topics including Men's Mental Health Month awareness, the closure of Locust Street Resource Center's Living Room program due to lost state funding, and review of the FY26 strategic plan goals. Maria Clark from Locust Street explained that while their 24/7 peer support living room program was not renewed, they plan to launch a behavioral health urgent care clinic offering similar services with billable rates and will continue mobile crisis response services through Medicaid. The group discussed marketing efforts to promote the CARES line over 988 for crisis responses, reviewed successful stigma reduction campaigns from the past year including Kratom education and coffee shop partnerships, and identified two priority areas for next fiscal year: men's mental health awareness and supporting pregnant/postpartum women with substance use disorders. The conversation ended with updates on upcoming events including a Back to School Bash and Overdose Awareness event, and plans for a first responders training program in the fall.

Next steps**Elyse**

- ~~Send out the meeting minutes and include any flyers or announcements received within the next week.~~
- ~~Share Maria Clark's contact information and PDFs with the group.~~
 - Maria Clark (she/her)

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- Send out the FY26 impact report to the group for review before submitting to DBHR: [\[attached\]](#)
- Start working on a plan for campaigns focusing on men's mental health awareness and pregnant/postpartum women with substance use disorder, including an interview with local RUSH provider.
- ~~Contact Caitlin Brennan (100 Club of Illinois) to continue conversations about partnership for the first responder event.~~ [\[contact initiated, contact will continue up to event\]](#)
- Contact Matt Perez and J.C. Fultz to involve them in the first responder training event.

Lindsay at MCPHD: lminor@mcphd.net

- Status of the laundromat machines in Girard and plan the next Laundry Day event accordingly for August. ROSC Consortium voted that if not Girard, then come back to Litchfield or Hillsboro for August.
- Send out a sign-up form for volunteers to participate in the planning committee for the first responder training event this fall.

Freddie at the Next Network: freddie@next-network.co

- Organize and plan a community activity for the recovery community (e.g., Recover Together) and coordinate with interested parties.
- Coordinate with interested parties for table reservations at the Overdose Awareness event on August 29th.

Jon at the Next Network: jon@next-network.co

- Continue planning the Back to School Bash for late July/early August and solicit ideas from the group.

Maria Clark: mariacl@macmhc.org

- Provide electronic copies of the handouts about the new behavioral health urgent care service to Elyse.
- Conduct education/outreach to the Carlinville volunteer fire department about the services and importance of the living room/urgent care program.

Collaboration

- Group: Consider and provide ideas for supporting pregnant/postpartum women with substance use disorder.
- Group: Explore options for increased marketing of the CARES line (e.g., billboards, infographics) and discuss further in email.

Summary

Mental Health and Community Planning

The meeting began with introductions and a review of the agenda, which included past tasks, Men's Mental Health Month activities, the closure of the Locust Street Resource Living Room, and strategic planning for the upcoming fiscal year. Elyse welcomed new attendees and encouraged them to introduce themselves and share their contact information for future communications. Kevin Schott introduced Caitlin Brennan from the 100 Club of Illinois, a non-profit focused on supporting first responders and providing free resources and training, including crisis intervention

and mental health support. Caitlin emphasized the organization's commitment to community partnerships and offered assistance to the group.

ROSC Progress and Health Initiatives

Elyse reviewed the ROSC's progress on fiscal year 26 goals, including reducing stigma, increasing service delivery, and promoting harm reduction, noting that most objectives have been met. The team discussed a recent WSMI radio interview about Kratom, highlighting efforts in Carlinville and Litchfield to ban its use and educate the community. Elyse also encouraged initiatives for Men's Mental Health Month, suggesting that agencies consider developing PSAs or awareness campaigns, and mentioned that Shawn might create a video for St. Francis Clinic. **UPDATE: Shawn at St. Francis Way Clinic and the Next Network have developed and distributed Men's Mental Health month PSAs on Facebook to raise awareness in the community and decrease stigma.**

Mental Health Service Program Changes

Kevin Schott discussed the idea of starting a podcast to highlight male mental health providers, particularly given the higher suicide rates in trades and farming. He emphasized the importance of getting important mental health information out to the community quickly, even if it's slightly delayed. The main discussion centered on the closure of Local Street Resource Center's Living Room Program due to loss of state funding, with Maria Clark explaining they will continue providing mobile crisis response services and introduce a new behavioral health urgent care clinic to replace the free living room program. The new clinic will offer billable services including walk-in access, mental health assessments, and stabilization services, though it will initially operate only during 8am-8pm hours rather than 24/7. This may change in the future depending on the need and the use of the program.

Crisis Services Transition Planning

The meeting focused on discussing the transition of crisis services and the implementation of a new service line. Maria explained that the new service line would handle frequent clients with existing safety plans, while first-time assessments would continue through the regular process. The group discussed the challenges with the 988 system and emphasized the importance of promoting the CARES line as a more responsive alternative, particularly for local needs. Elyse presented updates on the FY26 strategic plan, including insurance navigation efforts, stigma reduction campaigns, and transportation access improvements. The team also discussed plans for upcoming events, including a Back to School Bash and an Overdose Awareness event, while exploring new initiatives focused on men's mental health awareness and support for pregnant/postpartum women with substance use disorders.