



# TAC Take Action Coalition Meeting Minutes June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Attendance:** Sheridan Jordan (facilitator), Mark Knott, Katie Wilson, Angella Holloway, Jeffrey Morris, Amanda Jensen, Cheyney Evans, Beverly Holland, Morgan Isaiah, Patrice White, Jessica Palazollo, Jax Blackburn, Nadine Rickhoff, Heather Creasy, Elena Xiong (presenter)

**Presentation:** Elena from Hoyleton Youth and Family Services presented Clinton County data from the 2024 Illinois Youth Survey (IYS), an anonymous survey given to 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students that measures indicators related to substance use, risk factors, safety, and overall youth well-being to help communities develop strategies that promote healthy behaviors. Elena shared data highlighting several key trends, including that substance use remains relatively stable between 8th and 10th grade but nearly doubles by 12th grade, with alcohol use following the same pattern. Some 12th-grade students reported high-risk substance mixing, including combining alcohol with marijuana and/or energy drinks. Vaping and cannabis use increase as students get older, while traditional smoking continues to decline, and prescription medication misuse remains relatively low but consistent across grade levels. The survey also revealed that approximately 33% of 8th-grade students are left alone after school, with more than 14% reporting being unsupervised for three or more hours per day. Elena noted that environmental vulnerability factors, including lack of supervision and accessibility to substances, may contribute to these trends. Looking ahead, Hoyleton hopes to increase participation from additional Clinton County schools to strengthen local data collection and plans to focus future prevention education and awareness campaigns on alcohol use and vaping among youth.

## **Review/Discussion Items:**

Start looking at upcoming events and awareness months

### **Overdose Awareness Day – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Fairview Park – MONDAY, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm, Setup starts at 5pm
- A candlelight vigil and a color (purple) run were discussed at stigma WG, we will for sure do a vigil and will discuss the color run activity further at our next meeting
- DJ is secured
- Ideas for organizations to invite to table were formed at Stigma WG
- We have tablecloths, banners and decorations for the event already & some candles.

- Who can supply us with a donation for light refreshments
  - for CRC In the past: Good Vibes Café & Monical's
  - CRC is looking into asking SSM too.

#### Recovery Month (September)

- Campaign instead of event.
- Every day of the month highlights one organization/entity/facility in the area that focuses on recovery efforts.

- **Updates:**

- **Trivia Night THIS FRIDAY**

- **FREE EVENT**
- *Theme: Beach Party*
- June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm
  - People arrive at 6 start trivia at 6:30pm
- VFW Hall in Carlyle
- Cry Baby Trivia Company from STL
- Illinois Recovery Center will be sponsoring the event with food/drink donations
- Purchasing on the 17th, with supervisor Cheyney
- The Sip Stop will be parked outside the VFW for those who would prefer to purchase a soft drink with added flavors.
- People can bring in food but no outside drinks!

Sign your team up here, click the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/261124893971060>

#### **Stigma reduction work group:**

Zoom Only, Second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Next meeting we will discuss plans for a Recovery Month Campaign for Clinton County as well as Overdose Awareness Day.

**Council Sharing:** No additional announcements from any members.

Meeting adjourned.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and shared.

**Our Next meeting will be July 21st, 2026.**

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***TAC Mission:***

Cohesive partners developing comprehensive strategies involving education & prevention, law enforcement, family support, treatment and recovery services.

***TAC Vision:***

Reduce the impact and stigma of substance use and mental health among the residents of Clinton County.