Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Council Name	Perry/Jackson ROSC Council		
Date	09/16/2026	**Time**	1p–2p
Location	Google Meet: meet.google.com/xpm-iyst-twx		
PJRC Vision	Sustain recovery support through collaboration, reduce stigma, and strengthen recovery-oriented systems of care.		
PJRC Mission	Build and empower recovery communities through partnerships among community organizations, stakeholders, and individuals with lived experience.		

Attendees / Community Partners

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Meeting Topics

#	Topic	Discussion Notes / Updates
1	Welcome & Introductions	Jessica Marczewski welcomed attendees, facilitated introductions, and opened the meeting with an icebreaker to encourage connection and participation. The Perry/Jackson ROSC vision and mission statements were shared, emphasizing unity, collaboration, recovery support, reducing stigma, and building communities of recovery.
2	Building Recovery Capital Through Community Connections	The council discussed the importance of safe, stable housing as a foundation for recovery and a major part of recovery capital. Participants shared how housing instability can make it difficult for individuals to maintain recovery, build financial stability, and access other supportive services. The group discussed the opening of a new women's

		recovery house on October 1 and a men's recovery house on November 15 discussed by Michelle Buckley. Members also discussed barriers to housing, including limited options for registered sex offenders. Ideas included expanding Oxford House opportunities, encouraging low-barrier housing, and providing education to landlords to reduce stigma and increase housing opportunities
3	Breaking Barriers: Reducing Stigma in Recovery	Counsil Members discussed how stigma can create barriers to housing, recovery services, and community acceptance. The conversation included challenges faced by registered sex offenders seeking recovery housing and the need for education and training to help communities and landlords better understand these barriers. Participants also emphasized the importance of using respectful, person-centered language when discussing substance use, homelessness, and recovery. The group identified education, community involvement, and open conversations as ways to reduce stigma and create more supportive recovery environments.
4	Beyond the Encampments: Supporting Our Unhoused Community	Council Member discussed plans for a community listening session focused on the impact of encampment closures on unhoused individuals. Potential locations included SIU, Rainbow Café, and the Carbondale Civic Center. Participants suggested including people with lived experience, medical and emergency-room providers, community organizations, and city leaders in the conversation. The goal is to better understand the experiences and needs of people affected by encampment closures and identify possible community resources and solutions
5	Building Recovery Capital Through Community Connections	Counsil members discussed the different sources of support that help individuals sustain recovery. During the opening ice breaker, members identified family, faith, peers, community organizations, and supportive relationships as important sources of encouragement. The group also discussed the importance of connecting people to recovery resources throughout the community. Plans to distribute the community survey at food pantries, tabling events, shelters, and other community locations were discussed to learn more about community awareness of available recovery resources and identify areas where additional support may be needed.
6	Community Partner Updates/Events	Community partners shared updates on new recovery housing, including a women's house opening October 1 and a men's house opening November 15 shared by Michelle Buckley. The group discussed distributing the community survey through food pantries, shelters, and community events, as well as upcoming tabling opportunities. Upcoming events include the September 23 Smoke Out Substance Barbecue, September 25 Perry/Jackson ROSC bowling event shared by Take Action Today Carbondale Center, Roots and Recovery Celebration shared by Jessica Marczewski, tree planting event, and weekly Open Door Smart Recovery Meetings Shared by Centerstone. Plans for a community listening session on encampment closures were also shared and discussed by Jessica Marczeski.

Action Items / Next Steps

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Community Listening Session: Identify a location and contact community partners, medical providers, city representatives, and people with lived experience to participate in a listening session about the impact of encampment closures.	Jessica Marczewski	August 30, 2026	TBD
Community Survey Distribution: Make paper copies of the survey and distribute them through shelters, food pantries, tabling events, and other community locations in Perry and Jackson Counties.	Jessica Marczewski / ROSC Council & Community Partners	October 30,20267	October 2026

Recovery Housing & Community Support: Continue working with Oxford House and community partners to address housing barriers, provide education, and increase support for individuals seeking recovery housing.	Michelle Buckley	September 30, 2026	Ongoing/TBD

Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date	next meeting: 10.21.2026 Virtual Google Meet: meet.google.com/xpm-iyst-twx