

MMCR ROSC Consortium Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07/27/2026

Facilitators/Presenters: Lindsay Minor & Elyse Schoen (MMCR/SFW Clinic)

Attendance

In Attendance

- Maria Clark – Locust Street Resource Center
- Breanne Stayton – MCPHD, St. Francis Way Clinic
- Kit Stanford – TASC
- Stephanie Gillette – CEFS
- John Magnuson – The Next Network
- Freddi Lemaster – The Next Network

Online Participants

- Carissa Van Den Berk Clark – SLU, St. Francis Way Clinic
- Mark Knott – MERC
- Valerie Belusko – UI Extension
- Heather Nah – Birth to Five
- Cindy Rice – St. Paul Episcopal
- Holly Garcia – DCFS
- Jason Farley – NAMI
- Sue Smith – Claire's House
- Rachel Arena – Charlie Health
- Matt Lantgen – Gateway Foundation
- Greg Santoni – TASC

Meeting Summary

Introduction to Claire's House

Sue Smith provided an overview of **Claire's House**, a donation-based organization that offers short-term foster care for dogs whose owners are experiencing medical challenges and are temporarily unable to care for their pets.

Services are available to individuals entering:

- Detoxification programs
- Inpatient treatment
- Other medical care settings requiring temporary separation from pets

Foster Program Requirements

- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccinations.
- Veterinary records must be provided.
- Applications and records must be submitted before placement.
- Meet-and-greet appointments are typically scheduled within 1–2 weeks.

Claire's House currently operates:

- A facility in Valley Park capable of housing up to 13 dogs.
- A network of in-home foster families.

Sue shared that the organization is actively seeking additional foster homes, particularly outside the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Claire's House Services

Sue reviewed additional services offered through Claire's House:

24-Hour Dog Care

- House manager on-site overnight (8:00 PM–11:00 AM)
- Volunteer support through scheduled shifts

Golden Leash Services

- Home visits and pet support services

CARES Fund

- Limited veterinary assistance available on a case-by-case basis

Fundraising Event

Sue announced the annual Claire's House Golf Tournament:

Date: October 12

Location: Legends Golf Course, Eureka, Missouri

Additional information will be shared with MMCR for distribution throughout the consortium.

First Responders Event Planning

The group discussed planning a **First Responders Appreciation and Resource Event** tentatively targeted for late October.

Topics discussed included:

- Potential collaboration with the **100 Club**
- Training opportunities for first responders
- Resource sharing among agencies
- Event logistics and planning

Lindsay Minor proposed scheduling a kickoff planning meeting within the next two weeks to begin coordination efforts.

Community Updates

Locust Street Resource Center

Maria Clark shared updates regarding:

- Mobile Crisis Response Services
- A new urgent behavioral health walk-in clinic available 24 hours a day

The Next Network

Freddi provided updates regarding:

- Overdose Awareness Event planning
- Three organizations have already committed to hosting resource tables

Gateway Foundation

Matt Lantgen provided updates on:

- Current bed availability
- Direct admission screening opportunities

NAMI

Jason Farley shared information regarding:

- Upcoming NAMI Walks event
 - Opportunities for community participation
-
-

Key Takeaways

- Claire's House offers a valuable resource to individuals entering medical or recovery treatment who need temporary care for their dogs.
- The organization continues to seek additional foster families to expand services.
- Planning is underway for a First Responders Event focused on collaboration, training, and resource sharing.
- Community partners shared updates on new behavioral health services, treatment availability, prevention efforts, and upcoming recovery-focused events.
- Continued partnership and communication among consortium members remains a priority to strengthen recovery supports throughout the region.

Next Meeting: 8/24/2026