



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Jennings County Courthouse

24 North Pike Street

Vernon, Indiana 47282

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Old Business
 - a. Centerstone Women's CRT: JRAC invited by email and most are attending Open House this Thursday August 28th from 12-2. Location: 1050 O & M Avenue North Vernon, IN
 - b. JC Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) application was successfully submitted on 8/15. We will follow up if there is any correspondence with OCRA
 - a. Families would like to know when they would know when they will find out about the event.
- III. New Business
 - a. NAMI information and upcoming events
 - i. NAMI 101: Monday, September 29, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. EST at Jennings County High School Auditorium. See flyer.
 - ii. Debbie Tieke, NAMI representative present for SIM mapping offers information about NAMI event: The NAMIWALKS South Central Indiana is Sept. 14th at Donner Park Shelter, Columbus. It is free and fun, kid friendly with a DJ, a short program, a one mile, two mile, and (no walk if people are not able), refreshments, vendors, giveaways etc. The website asks for donations, but we have some great sponsors and are mainly looking for community unity.



iii. Debbie Tieke also shares: Effective Crisis Response: Understanding & Responding to Serious Mental Illness. Learn how to respond effectively to individuals experiencing grave disability or serious mental illness (SMI) and help create safer, healthier communities. Suited for clinicians, legal and law enforcement professionals and community leaders and advocates. <https://www.mhmbc.org/effective-crisis-response-training> has more information, it is in partnership with Mental Health Matters Bartholomew County and NAMI South Central Indiana.

iv. JRAC partner updates

1. Christina Crank: Ascension Jennings donated space to JCDV for their operations. Ascension has also partnered with 180 RCO for the RCO new building. Ascension is offering pulmonary and cardiac now at the hospital. New pediatrician which means two pediatricians in the practice. New orthopedic surgeon on the team. Focus has been on how to bring specialties to our community. Ascension is changing hospital model which increases continuity of care. OT and PT teams are growing and now offering pelvic floor therapy. Christina explains there are no plans for the hospitals to close, mission is to provide care to the poor and vulnerable.
2. Nicholas Kirtman: DCS updates with restructuring and will push out information to the organization on what the structure looks like. There will be more details by the end of the year towards the beginning on what the updates look like. Also hired a new supervisor and will start training September.
3. Amanda Lawson: Advocates Jennings County, there are not enough staff to serve counties and so increasing outreach since 66 cases are waiting for CASA. New program for attorneys working with youth, Direct Representation.



4. Shana Richmond: Jennings County Probation, shared increase in need of getting people to rehab.
 5. Merri Eder: Probation Officer and JDAI coordinator: Launch meeting is next and then will meet four times this next year to determine next steps. AEP, attend and engagement program to address absences and truancy.
 6. Steve Sharer: 180 RCO, thankful for the space at Ascension which is working well and working with probation and Adult Recovery Court (ARC).
International overdose awareness day, event in Seymour that 180 and are invited to the event, from 3pm to 6pm.
 7. THRIVE: Peers located in the jail and Michelle is attending drug court and connecting. Two staff in the jail and some issues with documentation. Linking with people in treatment.
 8. JJCC: JL Brewer, 240 people in CC daily program in monitoring and work release and developed and integral in both drug courts Jennings and Jackson. New position created with a couple of grants with a new therapist starting in October. Approved for telehealth for psychiatric providers. JJCC offers multiple EBT programs for all participants.
 9. Jennings County Problem Solving Courts: Cathy Vawter, referrals are going well. Cathy is working with churches for incentives.
- b. Centerstone CCBHC Updates: Carin Hurt- new positions added with the goal of increasing individual and group therapy at the end of this year.
- IV. Next meeting is September 24, 2025, at 12 pm in the Magistrate Courtroom