SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2004 noon-1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Chris Dennis, EHD

Danielle Camp, EHD

Tonya Potts, EHD

Tricia Harrison, EHD

Kiesha Fromm, EHD

Vincent Falzone, TASC

Brittany Bulfer, EHD

Margot Cepeda, VA Hospital

Kat Houghton, EHD

Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD

Nicholas Mott, LA Rep. Windhorst

Kindra York, EHD

Holly Kotner, EHD

Laurie Fields, First Presbyterian Church

Jamie Byrd, EHD

Denise O'Connor, Veterans Affairs

Krystale Sands, EHD

Drew Donelson, EHD

Tor Neal, Arrowleaf

Beth Sandusky, Hamilton Co. Clerk

Elizabeth Cook, EHD

Angelia Winters, EHD

Adrienne Baker, TASC

Angie Hampton, EHD

Tamara Kang, SIU

Misty Eftink, EHD

Stacey Miller, EHD

Michael Tyson, TAT

Ernie Fowler, EHD

Callie Buchanan, Comprehensive Connection

Standing Coalition Business:

• Minutes from the June meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Tamara Kang. Holly Kotner seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- Laurie Fields (Harrisburg Presbyterian Church) spoke on the history of the 4C's, a homeless shelter run by a board of Saline County members. The church, along with the 4C's, hope to expand their services. Currently they provide a food bank, clothes closet, cash emergency assistance, and long term shelter for families. There are criteria set for those seeking long term shelter, such as passing a drug test, paying utilities, and maintaining employment. Their hope is for a set of tiny homes to be funded by donations. Currently, the "tiny homes" that were initiated years ago are not completed. She added that the church hopes to continue to sponsor free laundry events in our community. A reported 20-24 people benefitted from the latest laundry event, and it continues to be a successful outreach.
- *Tamara Kang* (SUI) along with Vincent Falzone (TASC) have been working on a membership packet for existing and potential council members. The packet will provide information on local resources, our mission statement and a brief questionnaire. The rough draft will be shared with the council to make any edits needed. Upon completion, this packet will be presented to new council members.
- *Chris Dennis* (EHD) shared a slideshow presentation from his recent attendance at the Recovery Leadership Summit. He reported that the focus of some sessions was on fighting stigma and the importance of language used in recovery. Positive reinforcement, and a focus on wellness was reported to improve chances of recovery and correlated with a reduction in relapse. Nationwide studies also concluded that recovery supports are essential between the 10-18 month mark following a resolution of substance use issues.
- *Chris Dennis* added that the Recreational Recovery Group hosted an event at the Eldorado Pool recently where attendees enjoyed pizza, fellowship, support and swimming. The group is planning a movie night to be held in Harrisburg on July 25th. The council agreed that events such as this are a positive way for those in recovery to come together and have fun, in a safe and healthy environment.
- *Mike Tyson* (TAT) reported that they are still working to raise funds in order to attend the National Recovery Rally to be held in Chicago on Sept. 21, 2024. Their goal is to raise enough money to transport attendees from our area to the rally.
- *Drew Donelson* (EHD) gave the latest NARCAN distribution statistics. She noted a huge increase in service area distribution.
- Motion was made by *Jerrie Baxley-Brown* to adjourn this meeting, with *Holly Kotner* seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 7th at noon via Zoom