

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024 12:00-1:00 via zoom

Introductions and Welcome:

Attendance:

Kindra York, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Bev Holland, Region 5
Madison Odum, TAT
Keisha Fromm, EHD
Brittany Bulfer, EHD
Jade Chew, TASC
Ernie Fowler, EHD
Vincent Falzone, TASC
Rachel Patton, EHD
Holly Kotner, EHD
Jamie Byrd, EHD
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD
Amy Oxford, Senator Fowlers office
Misty Eftink, EHD
Tor Neal, Arrowleaf
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Cindy Johnson, SIH
Megan Ragan, SATTC
Marlene Cunico, Hamilton County School
Mike Tyson, TAT
Jessica Reichert, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Beth Sandusky, Hamilton Co. Clerk
Misty Smith, EHD
Jerry Baxley-Brown, EHD
Hailey Parker, EHD
Brent Van Ham, SIU
Stacey Miller, EHD
Fran Ingram, ROSC
Jordan Pilkington, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Holly Kotner. Jamie Byrd seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- *Misty Smith*, EHD, spoke briefly on the growth of the Egyptian Health Department's Recovery Services Program, including recovery groups, and new recreational groups. The goal is to give those in recovery more sober social activities and an opportunity to connect with the larger recovery community. She added that Chris will share more information as it is made available.
- *Holly Kotner*, EHD, reported on a laundry event held in Eldorado on January 23rd. They had 14 people attend with a total of 48 loads of laundry. Hygiene kits, Naloxone and candy were distributed. She added that a laundry event is scheduled for Monday, February 12th in Harrisburg. This event will be sponsored by the 1st Pres. Church in Harrisburg as they have agreed to sponsor an event every month.
- *Mike Tyson*, TAT, spoke of their desire to expand their committee on the state-wide level. He added that TAT is working on the new SAMSHA grant and has hopes to expand the services that his team can offer. Additionally, he announced that he has plans to attend the Recovery Rally to be held in Chicago and encourages others to attend as well. TAT will be hosting fundraisers to help ease the cost of attending the event. He also reported that the warming center in West Frankfort housed approximately 78 people during a recent cold snap in the area, also reported over 2,000 meals were served during that time. It was added that some individuals were linked to treatment.
- *Drew Donelson*, EHD, reported that 438 people were trained to use Narcan in January. Additionally, 834 kits were distributed, as well as 150 fentanyl test strips. Presently, 20 box stands have been placed throughout their service areas.
- *Jerrie Baxley-Brown*, EHD, announced the upcoming White County Community Forum, to be held on March 7th. This will host a panel of speakers, AA, Al-Anon, Judge Aud, We Love White County, and others. The focus is to show support to those who actively use, as well as their family members.
- *Vincent Falzone*, with TASC presented a chart that reflected the percentage of seized drugs and the trends in drug use from July 2023-January 2024. Methamphetamine continues to rank highest in the current drug trends.

- *Holly Kotner* reminded us of the upcoming event to be hosted by the Suicide Task Force. The paint party will be held on March 21 at The Vine in Harrisburg. Flyers will be shared.

Motion was made by Misty Eftink to adjourn the meeting, with Amy Oxford seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday April 3rd at noon, via ZOOM