

## SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024 noon-1:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Attendance:

Bev Holland, Region 5 TA  
Ernie Fowler, EHD  
Hailey Parker, EHD  
Vincent Falzone, TASC  
Danielle Camp, EHD  
Elizabeth Cook, EHD  
Tricia Harrison, EHD  
Katie Unthank, EHD  
Chris Dennis, EHD  
Dr. Michael Blain, HMC  
Rachel Chruszyk, Prevent Child Abuse  
Holly Kotner, EHD  
Megan Ragan, SIRAC  
Chloe Wells, EHD  
Drew Donelson, EHD  
Jason West, SIH  
Caleb Mills, SIRAC  
Ali Curtner, EHD  
Matt Shaffer, EHD  
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD  
Wendel Arms, EHD  
Tamara Kang, SIU  
Angelia Smith, Southland Recovery Coalition  
Cody Fulkerson, SIRAC  
Misty Eftink, EHD  
Annmarie Murray, PLE  
Kat Houghton, EHD  
Brittany Bulfer, EHD  
Keisha Fromm, EHD  
Kindra York, EHD  
Misty Smith, EHD

### **Standing Coalition Business:**

- Minutes from the July meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Tamara Kang, Drew Donelson seconded the motion.

### **New and Standing Coalition Reports:**

- *Chris Dennis (EHD)* gave a rundown of the fiscal year, adding that we had 102 active council members in 2024, and that a membership roster has been sent to the state. He reported 13 free laundry events were held with a total of 239 people in attendance, with a grand total of 682 loads of laundry completed at no charge to attendees. These events also provided the opportunity for people to be connected to other services in our area. He added that many recovery events were held, including a forum held in White County with 62 people in attendance. It was noted that housing remains a major need in our service area.
- *Jason West (SIH, Primary Care Harrisburg)* shared a powerpoint about the benefits of low threshold suboxone (buprenorphine). He emphasized the concept of “meeting people where they are” and the importance of being open to all forms of patient-centered approaches. He also stressed the benefits of acting while the patient is in front of them, and providing same day treatment, with “pro-life saving medication”. He noted the ongoing focus of reducing stigma and avoiding burnout, reminding us the importance of our work. He also made himself available to answer questions from the council members.
- It was announced that the Egyptian Health Department is hosting an Overdose Awareness Event to be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 5:00 at the iHub. The event will focus on a panel discussion, while also providing a resource fair including other local agencies. A Facebook event has been created and it was asked that the council share it to help ensure a successful event.
- Many events are being planned for Recovery Month, including a Glow for Recovery night, as well as a Ride for Recovery event. Chris will send a list of all upcoming events to the council.
- *Vincent Falzone (TASC) and Tamara Kang (SIU)* continue to work on the New Welcome Packet to be provided to council members. Chris has been working with them to make necessary edits as needed. They plan to add a questionnaire as well as a link so contact information can be easily accessible.
- *Drew Donelson (EHD)* reported 36 Naloxone stands have been distributed in the community, with hopes to add more. She added that 15,000 kits were handed out and has created a map depicting the locations of all Naloxone dispensers.

Motion was made by Danielle Camp to adjourn this meeting, with Vincent Falzone seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 4th at noon and will be held at the EHD  
iHub.**