

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024 at 12:00
Via Zoom

AnnMarie Murray, SIRAC
Chris Dennis, EHD
Megan Mitchell, Via Dolorosa Recovery Center
Stacey Miller, EHD
Vincent Falzone, ISP Drug Task Force
Katie Unthank, EHD
Hannah Jude, EHD
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Margot Cepeda, VA Hospital
Jamie Byrd, EHD
Holly Kotner, EHD
Julie Pohlman, Region 4 ROSC
Johanna Gonzalez, SUPR
Jordan Pilkington, EHD
Matt Shaffer, EHD
Misty Eftink, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Tricia Harrison, EHD
Rachel Chruszcyk, Prevent Child Abuse
Brittany Bulfer, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD
Bev Holland, Region 5
Bradley Bullock, TASC
Tonya Potts, EHD
Ernie Fowler, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Madison Odum, Centerstone
Kelsey Driskell, Take Action Today

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the September meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Holly Kotner, Katie Unthank seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- Megan Mitchell (*Via Dolorosa Recovery Center*) spoke on the new recovery home progress being made in the former Magnolia Manor in Eldorado. The recovery home will consist of 23 rooms, with 2 beds in each room. Additionally, “special circumstance” rooms will be available. The home will be a long-term, faith-based facility providing wrap-around services, mental health care, peer support, and after care. This “self pay” facility is in the process of making major renovations and improvements, including a new HVAC system. Fundraising opportunities are in the works as they expect to spend approximately \$100,000. This goal will also be met with potential grants which are being pursued. They are currently working to hire directors and all necessary staff and hope to be open at the first of the year. Megan also made herself available for questions from the counsel and shared her contact information for those seeking additional information. The counsel members voiced their excitement and support over the new recovery home.
- Johanna Gonzalez (*IDHS SUPR*) shared their success in collaborating with the Department of Mental Health in celebration of Recovery Month. She is working on a presentation to share with the counsel depicting all photos of Illinois agencies that participated in “Paint the State Purple.”
- Recovery events were reviewed from participating agencies. It was added that the “Glow for Recovery” event held in Harrisburg was a success with approximately 150 in attendance. Recovery Picnic in McLeansboro, Illinois had 35 attendees.
- It was reported that the new member packet is nearing completion. QR codes have been added, one code will take the reader directly to the SI Support Facebook page, while the other code will direct them to the packet.
- Smart Recovery is being initiated after appropriate training in Eldorado, Shawneetown, and Carmi. This is an evidence based approach to addiction that focuses on self empowerment. SIRAC is partnering with EHD and each agency is providing a facilitator. The meetings will be led by participants and flyers will be shared at a later date.
- Drew Donelson (*EHD*) reported that more Naloxone dispensers are currently being ordered for distribution. She added that she will be providing a flyer listing all dispenser locations.
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (*EHD*) reminded the counsel of an event taking place on October 6th. “Set Free Recovery Fest” will be held in Carmi at the fairgrounds.

- Rachel Chruszczyk (*Prevent Child Abuse*) shared events with the counsel and reported on recent Lunch & Learns, webinars, hotline calls for domestic violence, and poverty simulation.
- A free laundry event is scheduled for October 14 from 2:00-6:00 pm in Harrisburg at SI Laundry.

Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Holly Kotner seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 6th at noo via Zoom.