



## **SI SUPRT Meeting Agenda December 4, 2024, 12:00-1:00pm**

### **Attendees:**

- Kiesha Fromm, EHD
- Ernie Fowler, EHD
- Brittany Bulfer, EHD
- Misty Smith, EHD
- Kindra York, EHD
- Michelle Buckley, Outreach with Oxford House Inc.
- Beverly Holland
- Denise O'Connor, VAMC
- Kat Southard
- Kimberly Scott-Pilkington
- Ana DeUanamuno, RIDES MTD
- Stacey Miller, EHD
- Theresa Oxford, EHD
- Drew Donelson, EHD
- Katie Unthank, EHD
- Chris Dennis, EHD
- Elizabeth Cook, EHD
- Hannah Jude, EHD
- Justin Narusis, BASE Coordinator, EHD
- Diamond Armstrong, Outreach with Oxford House Inc.
- Hailey Parker, EHD
- Jordan Pilkington, EHD
- Tricia Harrison, EHD
- Rachel Chruszczyk, PCA
- Faith Petrillo
- Angelia (Notetaker)
- Charly Gordon, EHD
- Matthew Shaffer, EHD
- Tonya Potts, EHD
- Misty Eftink, EHD
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD

### **1. Standing Coalition Business**

- **Approval of November Meeting Minutes:**  
The November meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Motion made by Kindra York, seconded by Kiesha Fromm.
- **New Member Introductions:**

- Justin, Diamond, and Michelle introduced themselves.

## **2. New and Standing Coalition Reports**

### **Oxford House – Michelle Buckley**

- There are 7 houses in Southern Illinois:
  - 4 in Mt. Vernon, 1 in Marion, 2 in Carbondale.
  - All locations are listed on the Oxford House website, updated every Monday.
- **Requirements:**
  - Must be sober; no need to come directly from treatment but must have at least one day sober. If relapse occurs, 30 days sober required.
  - Equal share of expenses, varying by house and location.
  - Must find a job within two weeks.
  - Will help those who have not had a job for some time.
  - Must attend a 12-step meeting 4-5 days a week for the first 30 days.
  - MAR (Medication-Assisted Recovery) is fully supported.
  - If on a controlled substance, weekly pill counts for accountability.
  - No maximum stay in the house.
  - Most houses are full.
  - Diamond added that vacancies are listed on [Oxford Vacancies](#).

### **Supportive Housing Summit – Kat Southard, Kiesha Fromm**

- Hosted by the Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA).
- Discussed the different definitions of homelessness across agencies.
- A Peer Track was featured, including a Peer Leadership Workshop.
- A self-care workshop for peers was also held.
- A leadership workshop will be coming to Southern Illinois—stay tuned for more information.

### **Winter and Holiday Community Services – All Council Members**

- **Warming Centers:**
  - Take Action Today has warming centers in Marion and Benton. No residency requirement to use them.
  - First Christian Church (Eldorado) is opening to assist. Pastor Scott is coordinating with local police and first responders.
  - Harrisburg WADI has funds for hotel vouchers for up to a two-week stay, no extensions.
  - Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless may also provide hotel stays.
  - Carbondale Warming Center will not open the second floor this winter, reducing capacity.

### **SMART Recovery Group – Kiesha Fromm**

- SMART Recovery is now available and open to the entire community.
- Transportation to meetings can be provided with prior notice.
- The group is approved for community service hours for probation offices.

## **Southern Illinois Recovery Network – Mike Tyson**

- No updates at this time.

## **Narcan/Naloxone/Overdose Report – Drew Donelson, Katie Unthank, Chris Dennis**

- **November Report:**
  - 269 people were trained, and 504 naloxone kits were distributed.
  - 54 free naloxone stands have been established, with one stand per county. Five additional stands are still pending distribution.

## **Substance Use Disorder Staff Updates – Jerrie Baxley**

- Misty Smith is the new SUD Counselor.
- Looking for resources in White County for warming centers.

## **3. Additional Information Shared**

- **Christmas Dinner:**
  - December 15, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the We Love White County Building (404 5th St, Carmi).
  - Groceries, gift cards, and bicycles will be given away.
- **New Year's Eve Party:**
  - Eldorado AA group is hosting a New Year's Eve party.
- **EHD Christmas Party:**
  - December 19 for SUD/Recovery clients.
- **Association for Problem Gambling:**
  - The organization is now utilizing peers.

## **4. Motion to Adjourn**

- **Motion:** Kindra York made the motion to adjourn.
- **Second:** Drew Donelson.
- **Outcome:** The motion was passed unanimously.
- The meeting ended at **12:43 PM**.

**Next Meeting is January 8, 2025 Via Zoom**