





SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes August 2, 2023, 12:00-1:00 ZOOM Meeting

Introductions and Welcome:

Attendance:

Chris Dennis, EHD Danielle Camp, EHD Katie Unthank, EHD Johanna Gonzalez, ROSC Tricia Harrison, EHD Elizabeth Richard, TASC Kathlean Houghton, ROSC Jodi Stafford, EHD Abby Simerly, EHD Misty Smith, EHD Dr. Michael Blain, HMC Elizabeth Cook, EHD Kindra York, EHD Holly Kotner, EHD Jesse Nelson, PLE Julie Pohlman, ROSC Brittany Bulfer, EHD Stacey Miller, EHD Selwa Yatim-Badra, Tactical Recovery Kourtney Renfro, Community Outreach Haley Robinson, EHD Drew Donelson, EHD Mike Rider, EHD Danielle Bradley, EHD Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD Bev Holland, ROSC Tamara Kang, SIU Katt Holiday, Arrowleaf Garret Rowden, CAP Cindy Johnson, SIH

Standing Coalition Business:

• Minutes from the July meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Kindra York. Katie Unthank seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- Misty Smith (EHD) presented a clip from Sesame Street, with a character named Karli, created to provide evidence-based messages to the children of parents with substance use disorders. Misty shared an episode where Karli has a conversation with a friend about the concerns she has for her mother, who is coping with substance use and the recovery process. This series is geared towards children with a caregiver in the early stages of recovery.
- Chris Dennis (EHD) spoke on the Overdose Awareness Day event scheduled for Thursday, August 31st. Also, a Recovery Picnic/Walk will be held at the Harrisburg Park on Thursday, Sept. 21st, and another Recovery Picnic/Walk in Carmi, Illinois on Sept 26th. The council agreed to allocate \$1,000.00 of funds donated by Walmart to be spent on upcoming recovery events. Chris will be sharing all flyers for distribution.
- Cindy Johnson (SIH) reported NARCAN distribution numbers in the emergency department have gone up.
- Katie Unthank (EHD) announced that the Saline Co. Jail now has a NARCAN dispenser in their lobby. In the three weeks that it has been there, it has already been refilled. EHD will be set up at the upcoming DuQuoin State Fair. NARCAN and test strips will be distributed during the week.
- Stacey Miller (EHD) spoke on upcoming overdose awareness events.
- Tamara Kong (SIU) presented a slideshow depicting recent research procedures and outcomes for formerly incarcerated individual with substance use disorders, including a research project that seeks to fill in gaps in needs, especially for paroles in rural areas.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is hybrid on September 6, 2023 at 12:00pm