



# Meeting Minutes

*Changing Communities, Transforming Lives*

## Call to order

The Metro-East Recovery Council monthly meeting was held at **104 United Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234** on **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

1. **Introductions, Announcements** – Introductions.
  - a. Jen Nagel has started a SMART Recovery Meeting at Riverbend Family Ministries on Tuesdays from 7p-8p.
  - b. Toy Beasley - TASC Winner's Circle
  - c. Ty Bechel – Amare Rockin' for Recovery on September 7<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Refuge Recovery on Wednesdays at Riverbend Family Ministries
2. **Collegiate Recovery Advisory Board Formation/Update**– There is a woman in Missouri opening a home – will conduct research.
3. **Advancing in St. Clair County (RCO)** –
  - a. AA/NA community office? Meeting in Belleville? Hotline?
  - b. What local churches are willing to host meetings?
  - c. Forming a St. Clair RCO committee
  - d. How do we create urgency?
  - e. More RCO planning with Recovery Advisory Board.
4. **Looking forward** –
  - a. Future presentations: different pathways to recovery, harm reduction, drug courts, DCFS/contracted agencies, housing councils, veterans
  - b. ACTION ITEM: please reach out to me if you or someone you know are willing to present on these topics.

5. **Employment and Recovery Advisory Boards** – Future job fair with people in recovery: spring time? Do we know of other organizations already hosting fairs with whom we can partner?
6. **Changing Stigmatizing Language Presentation by Jen Nagel**

**Motion – Next MERC meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Metro East Parks and Recreation Building (104 United Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234).**

*Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. – Henry Ford*