



MERC Meeting Minutes

December 16th, 2021

9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions

- Those in attendance:
 - Terri McKee, ROSC/MERC
 - Beverly Holland, MERC
 - Angella Holloway, MERC
 - Patrick Miller, Bond County ROSC
 - Toni Randall, Bond County ROSC
 - Stephanie Everhart, Chestnut Employment Specialist
 - Ashley Amburn, Chestnut Employee Wellness Experience
 - Jean Schram, Family Support Network
 - Kristin Degler, CenterPointe of Maryville

New Business

- Spring into Wellness Event at SWIC January 19th, 2022 10am-1pm:

Terri McKee reported that there are four spots reserved, but several others available. The goal is to have as many as 20 vendors on exhibit. Interested community organizations are encouraged to contact Beverly Holland or Angella Holloway to reserve a spot. Finished “Save the Date” flyers for the event are awaiting approval by SWIC’s PR department.
- Strategic Plan Update at January meeting:

Terri McKee advised the attendees that MERC staff are in the process of reviewing the current Strategic Plan. With the new personnel in position, it is a good time to review the plan and make any adjustments that are deemed advisable. The Plan will be introduced and discussed at the upcoming January 2022 meeting.
- FSN yard signs

There are 60 yard signs available for distribution: 30 for St. Clair County; and 30 for Madison County. The signs advertise the availability of a warm line for those who are affected by Substance Use Disorder to call – individuals, loved ones, etc. The line will be answered by a volunteer through the Family Support Network. Jean Schram of the FSN asked about the distribution of the signs, as she has been in contact with the Madison County Youth Board to assist with distribution of the signs. Terri McKee advised Jean that the FSN

chair, Janice Rushing, is in possession of the signs. Beverly Holland noted that the signs were delivered to Busey Bank, but their whereabouts now is unknown by her. She will deliver the signs anywhere in Madison County. Terri recommended that Jean follow up with Janice. Jean requested that she and Beverly collaborate on tracking the placement of the signs. Ashley Amburn suggested that placement of the signs at Chestnut locations in Belleville and Maryville would be under the approval of Amy Gabar. Jean recommended pursuing local school districts for permission to place the signs. She has contacted Triad SD.

- **Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)**

Blank MOU forms were attached to the emailed meeting invitation, sent by Beverly Holland, prior to this meeting. Terri McKee reminded attendees that MOUs are renewed annually, in conjunction with the fiscal year. She requested that partners in attendance to print, sign, scan and return their updated MOUs to Beverly Holland.

- **Narcan Virtual Training at 10am & 2pm on January 20, 2022**

Terri McKee issued a reminder that the trainings are set for January 20, 2022.

Wellness Moment

Thoughts on “Hope” were shared by Beverly Holland.

MERC Upcoming Zoom Meeting

January 20th at 9:00 am

Metro East Recovery Council (MERC) Vision:

A community system that nurtures and supports individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery for themselves or a loved one.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Mission:

Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery.