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RCORP Consortium & Macoupin and Montgomery Counties ROSC Council			
Date: May 23, 2022	Time: 2 PM		In-person meeting at HSHS Saint Francis and <a href="https://slu.zoom.us/j/98964683555">https://slu.zoom.us/j/98964683555</a>
Meeting	May RCORP Consortium & ROSC Council Meeting		
Agenda	ROSC and Safe Passage updates, Macoupin County Probation and Drug Court		
Facilitator	Jennifer Carron		
Attendees	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Tarro</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Becky Hatlee</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Pollo</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Carron</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carissa van den Berk-Clark</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giulia Butler</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Minor</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elyse Schoen</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cristal Ramos Wash U</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oviya Sougoumarane Wash U</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Siriprakorn PLE</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chen Chen</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Tricia Lewis-Thompson</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Lori Sanson</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Tamra Taylor</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Link</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Courtney Newby</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Majors</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Phillips, Illinois Family Resource Center</div>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orville Mercer, Chestnut</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Donna Nahlik, Chestnut</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> James Timpe CEO SFH</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Ty Bechel Amare</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corinne Briscoe, Macoupin Probation</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Dunn, Macoupin Probation</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Brian Boston, Girard PD</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Chief Kenny Ryker, Litchfield PD</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Magnuson, Beacon Church</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Liebscher, Cross Over Ministries</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> David Knoblich, Hearts United</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Ailee Taylor Helping Hands Staunton</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Schott, Montgomery EMS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Steve Bryant, Litchfield Park Dist.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristine Gamm-Smith, NAMI SWI</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janel Robinson, Alton Memorial</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> State Senator Doris Turner</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Blake Meyer with Senator Turner</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kristen Ferguson</div>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Claxon, PLE</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Hough, President of 708 Board</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Pohlman, Chestnut Health Systems</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Alford-Spitze, CRSS/FSS St. Francis Way</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bethany Price, HSHS St. Francis Nurse Educator</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Loftus, PLE</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Howard, Mobile Crisis Response Team of Montgomery County</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charity Griggs, Montgomery County Outreach Coordinator</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda Decker</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Savoie, Jersey Community Hospital</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Randall, Bond County Recovery Council</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Farley, Amare</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Sprong, Greene County Health Dept.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Lane, Lewis and Clark Community College</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge April Troemper</div>

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## Agenda Topic 1 – Introductions, April Minutes, Announcements

Time allotted: 10 minutes

Jennifer Carron and all participants

Presentation and discussion

- Welcome and introductions
- Approval of meeting minutes
- Overview of agenda
- Webinars:
  - 6/8 Motivational Interviewing and Logotherapy
  - 6/9 DBT Emotional Regulation Skills
  - 6/22 Recovery Oriented Care
- Announcements:
  - [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) during the month of May
  - Benld Library Summer Fun Activities for Youth sponsored by Macoupin County Public Health Dept. beginning 5/23 and continuing through June every Wednesday and Friday.
  - [Building Recovery Ecosystems Summit](#) 6/8-10 in Memphis, TN or online
  - [Alcoholics Anonymous Founders Day](#) 6/10-12
  - [MetroEast Narcotics Anonymous up the Creek Float Trip](#) 7/29-31
  - *Please send us any announcements/upcoming events you would like to share with the council.*
- Community Announcements:
  - Jon: Back to school bash on Saturday 8/6 at Litchfield Community Center offering free haircuts, immunizations, books, daycare, girls scouts, pool day afterwards for kids. Tables available for organizations.
  - Cristal: Youth activities in June at Benld Library every Wednesday and Friday.
  - MCPHD team attended the Multiple Pathways to Recovery conference in Colorado and the Take Action Stigma Reduction in Rural Communities conference in NY. Will share more at next meeting.
  - Dan: 708 board application process is open 5/1-6/30 you can apply via Montgomery County website and follow link for funding application.
  - Ron: Montgomery county mobile crisis response team plans to be fully operational by 6/1. Peers engagement specialists will meet people in the field.
  - Linda: 5/28 QPR training and suicide prevention at Litchfield Community Center from 10-12. Online registration open on Cross Over's website. Will start Strengthening Families program at 102 N Main Street on 5/31 and then every Tuesday from 6-8:30 PM.
  - Julie: Chestnut has lots of changes coming up – will expand next month.
  - Kristine: NAMI National is hosting a 3-day summit with 50 workshops. NAMI.org for information and registration.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recurring Meetings:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Al-Anon Meetings every Thursday at 6:30 PM at Cross Over Ministries Living Room (102 N Main St, Hillsboro, IL)</li> <li>▪ Emotions Anonymous Meetings every Thursday from 6-7 PM at Beacon Church (622 North Franklin, Litchfield, IL)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Topic 2 – Safe Passage and St. Francis Way Clinic Updates</b>	
Time allotted: 10 minutes	Jennifer Carron, Elyse Schoen, Lindsay Minor, Brian Pollo
Presentation and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safe Passage Update:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Met with MERC last week. They are interested in SP and possibly starting one in Madison county.</li> <li>▪ 21 SP clients last month – lowest number overall but highest number of people who went through with treatment.</li> <li>▪ Up to 29 access points across Macoupin and Montgomery counties.</li> <li>▪ Like and follow Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SafepassagelitchfieldIL">https://www.facebook.com/SafepassagelitchfieldIL</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ St. Francis Way Clinic:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extending walk-in hours.</li> <li>▪ New team-members through Recovery Corps.</li> <li>▪ Looking for two navigators (one for Litchfield and one for Gillespie) and project coordinators. You can apply through MCPHD's website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Outreach and awareness:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MCPHD is now a Narcan distribution site and has Narcan available at all clinics.</li> <li>▪ There is some in the room for participants to take.</li> <li>▪ Lindsay and Elyse are touring facilities and tying resources in neighboring communities. Working on building a resource guide.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Topic 3 – Probation and Drug Court</b>	
Time allotted: 40 Minutes	Corinne Briscoe and Susan Dunn
Presentation and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Corinne Briscoe is the coordinator of drug court for Macoupin, Greene, and Scott counties. Program highlights:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drug court is a unique part of CJ system that incorporates 3 entities: the judiciary (judges, public defenders, state attorneys, and prosecutors), with probation which is community supervision, and treatment. It is an evidence-based program following national and state standard. 102 of counties in Illinois have drug courts.</li> <li>▪ Montgomery, Macoupin, and Greene all have drug court. Scott does not but leans on neighboring counties.</li> <li>▪ The first step in the process is a screening and introduction to the program.</li> <li>▪ The program is a big undertaking because it has daily requirements. Drug court is not like probation.</li> <li>▪ It usually lasts 24 months but could be shorter or longer based on the individual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- The team is based on judge, states attorney, public defender, probation officer, coordinator, representatives from treatment center, community members, and law enforcement.
- The team decides if an individual has done well or not over last two weeks based on their behavior and the rules they are required to comply with.
- If they comply, they get a reward which is typically a draw with different rewards (gift cards, candy, deodorant, etc.), a clap, and positive reinforcement from the judge.
- If they do not comply, they get a sanction which is meant to change the behavior that was seen as negative - could mean an extra meeting, loss of rights, home confinement, etc. Team gives judge recommendations but its ultimately the judge's decision.
- Program has 4 phases with the first having the toughest requirements.
- Other requirements include drug testing (typically 3x a week), meet with probation officer weekly, comply with any treatment requirements (could be outpatient or residential for substance use/mental health).
- Immediate mental health evaluation when clients enter the program. Many dual diagnoses in the area.
- Clients also have a 10 PM curfew every night in phase 1, then 12 AM in phase 2, and no curfew in phases 3 and 4.
- Strong focus on employment and structure in last two phases.
- Clients are required to obtain a sponsor and attend three self-help groups a week in phases 1 and 2, then twice per week in phase 3 and once a week in phase 4. They thrive and look forward to having that support system. Al-anon is also great for families to attend.
- Requirements:
  - Over 18 years old
  - Resident of Macoupin County
  - Charged with a felony in Macoupin County
  - Non-violent
  - Admitting to drug dependency
  - Willing to participate in treatment
- Goals:
  - 5 years from now these individuals are not engaged in SUD.
  - "Restore hope, lead recovery, and advance justice."
- Other information:
  - Anyone can come in and make a referral to drug court in Macoupin County – could be a parent, client themselves, or friends.
  - The longer clients are in treatment, the longer they can maintain abstinence.
  - Recovery requires community and drug courts are part of that network of support.
  - Graduations are very moving and are life changing.
  - Graduates usually start restoring severed relationships soon after program completion.
  - Susan Dunn: Desire for community to understand how this program works. It is a community building network where clients help each other with rides, housing, etc.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Q &amp; A:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Q:</b> How long has program been involved with system and what is the percentage of those who have graduated and have not been back in the court system? <b>A:</b> In Macoupin County it started in 2011, in Greene in the last 2-3 years. MC has a 65% success rate. Some individuals withdraw because they realize the program is different than what they expected. In 2015 the numbers were low, then reached 12-15 pre-Covid and hit low 5-6 during Covid. Now back to 15-16 participants.</li><li>▪ <b>Q:</b> Working on post-drug court network. What is the buy in for community stakeholders? What's the community's integration? <b>A:</b> Community interest started in 2017-18. Just now being asked to be more involved, especially with individuals in phase 3 who are looking for employment. We can provide employers a release of information for just drug tests, which clients are willing to sign. Would love to build these relationships but they are lacking right now.</li><li>▪ <b>Q:</b> Criteria for eligibility if a resident of Macoupin County is charged in Montgomery County? <b>A:</b> The defense attorney would have to request that the entire file is judicially transferred, so they whole case could be moved to MC county – which is rare. If you get charged in a county that does not have a drug court, they may ask that the client is accepted in another county. It would be a condition of their probation to comply with drug court in that other county. Usually the prosecutor handles that.</li><li>▪ <b>Q:</b> Do you experience challenges of clients not being able to participate due to transportation issues? <b>A:</b> Yes, the biggest issues are housing and transportation. In Macoupin, there is public transit but in Greene transportation is huge issue.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Please forward any more questions to us so we can share with Corinne.</i></p>
	<p>Final Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Moment of wellness offered by Kathleen Alford-Spitze to conclude the meeting.</li><li>○ Next Consortium meeting is June 27 at 2:00 PM.</li></ul>

End Time: 3:00 PM