



MERC Meeting
Agenda

November 17, 2022
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

In attendance were: Beverly Holland, Violette Book, Michelle Brooks, Tarmika Norris, Tyesha White, Jean Schram, Emily Won, Karen Tilashalski, Catherine McLaughlin, Craig Loddeke, Deb Loddeke, Alicia Moesner, Mariah Johnson, Donnis Campbell, Melissa Monte, Patika Hackleman, Greg Norkus, Tisha Lancaster, Teresa Cornelius, Dawn Steward, Kristy Montgomery, Kaylynn Davis, Cora Hughes, Dana Rosenzweig, Angela Holloway, Stephanie Everhart, Tyrone Hill, Deb Humphrey

Old Business

MERC and agency/community partners participated in the following in November:

Beverly Holland presented information about MERC's AND DOPP/OEND's presentation at McKendree University, where Liz McQuaid offered a brief training on overdose, Opioids, and NARCAN.

New Business

- **Community Assessment/Key Informant Interviews:** Due Friday (tomorrow), November 18. These will guide the Executive Committee's vision and goal-setting for FY 2023. Sub-committees on emerging areas of concern are forthcoming, after the results of the community assessment are compiled.
- **Illinois' Opioid Settlement Overview:** Dana Rosenzweig, St. Clair County Mental Health Board & Deborah Humphrey, Madison County Mental Health Board presented on both counties' plans for the allocated amounts for each county. According to Dana, St. Clair County Mental Health Board will serve as the overseer of the distribution of Remediation funds in St. Clair County; Deborah clarified that approval of the Abatement funds will go through Madison County Board. A breakdown of the settlement in Illinois was provided by Dana, which will be disseminated to the council by Beverly.

Announcements and upcoming events

- 2023 Meeting Calendar is available
- Staffing Changes to ROSC and OEND/DOPP
- NARCAN Trainings today at 10 AM and 2 PM. Register via link on flyer. Next training will be on January 19.
- Catherine McLaughlin announced that a **SMART Recovery** group is meeting on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 at the Belleville Public Library in the West-end of Belleville, on West Main Street.

- Craig Loddeke announced that **Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL)** offers meetings throughout the week. Meetings can be found at www.palgroup.org.

Wellness Moment: An attachment on Holiday Support information was shared with the council. After discussion about other Holiday support resources, Beverly will add information about the local supports available to the statewide list, and then share with the entire MERC email listserv.

Upcoming MERC Meeting:

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

ZOOM

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.