





SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes February 1, 2023, 12:00-1:00 In-Person and ZOOM

Introductions and Welcome:

Attendance:

In Person

Chris Dennis, EHD Katie Unthank, EHD Danielle Camp, EHD Drew Donelson, EHD Alex Wallace, EHD Holly Kotner, EHD Amy Oxford, Senator Fowler's office Skylar Turner, TASC Elizabeth Richard, TASC Adrienne Baker, TASC Margot Cepeda, Marion VAMC Aaron Frazier, Marion VAMC Faith Petrillo, TASC Megan Agan, SATTC Randy Plunkett, First Baptist Church Rodrick Grief, First Baptist Church Kindra York, EHD Matt Shaffer, EHD Mike Tyson, TAT Gary Hamilton, EHD

Virtual

Gena Haile, EHD Misty Smith, EHD Bev Holland, Region 5 Jesse Nelson, PLE Danielle Bradley, EHD Garret Rowden, Community Action Place Madison Odum, TAT Dr. Michael Blain, HMC Kourtney Renfro, Family Guidance Center Mike Rider, EHD Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD Sam Sterns, Centerstone Julie Pohlman, ROSC Elizabeth Cook, EHD Fran Ingram, ROSC Cindy Johnson, SIH Kandi Wallis, Egyptian Area on Aging Ernie Fowler, EHD Matt Buckman, SATTC Brittney Bulfer, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

• Minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously with motion made by Danielle Camp. Drew Donelson seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- *Margot Cepeda*, from the Marion VAMC, spoke on their suicide prevention team, support and training for veterans, treatment options, trainings, universal screening, promoting services in the community, safety planning, and the elevated risk of suicide in those with substance abuse.
- *Aaron Frazier*, also with the Marion VAMC, added information in regards to primary care providers, consultation for services, out-patient services, transportation, emergency housing issues, and other on-going issues.
- *Chris Dennis*, ROSC Coordinator, announced an upcoming laundry event to be held in Equality on Feb. 13th.
- *Katie Unthank*, Egyptian Health Department, informed the attendees of a forum-style event to be held in Gallatin County on Feb. 13th. This event will be open to the public and will host panelists from Gallatin County and vendors from SATTC, EHD, NA, AA etc. Save the date flyers have been sent home with students in hopes of a good turnout.
- Holly Kotner, Marketing Coordinator, touched on the on-going project to create advertisements to be displayed on a bus owned by Rides Mass Transit.
- *Cindy Johnson*, Southern Illinois Healthcare, spoke briefly on the effort to increased NARCAN distribution in emergency departments.
- *Mike Tyson*, Take Action Today, announced the opening of their new corporate office in West Frankfort. He also spoke on events being planned for Recovery Month.
- Sam Stearns, Centerstone spoke on Substance Use Levels of Care.

- *Kimberly Scott-Pilkington*, EHD, announced that new grants from the CDC have been made available. These grants will fund smoking cessation education as well as materials.
- *Dr. Michael Blain*, Christopher Rural Health spoke on substance abuse services available in Gallatin County.
- *Randy Plunkett*, First Baptist Church in Eldorado, announced their available days for curb-side pickup for those in need of a meal. Volunteers are always welcome to help prepare meals for distribution days.
- *Rocky Grief,* First Baptist Church, mentioned the ever-present need for sober living housing. This remains a major need in our community.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2023