

**SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1st, 2024, 12:00-1:00pm at iHub and Zoom**

**In Person:**

Drew Donelson, EHD  
Danielle Camp, EHD  
Amy Oxford, Senator Fowlers Office  
Jordan Pilkington, EHD  
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD  
Brandon Newman, EHD  
Hailey Parker, EHD  
Holly Kotner, EHD  
Jamie Byrd, EHD  
Dr. Michael Blain, Christopher Rural Health  
Tammy Blain, Christopher Rural Health  
Misty Smith, EHD  
Elizabeth Cook, EHD  
Kindra York, EHD  
Shyla Wagner, EHD  
Kiesha Fromm, EHD  
Stacey Miller, EHD  
Kat Southard, EHD  
Wendell Arms, EHD  
Chris Dennis, EHD  
Katie Unthank, EHD

**Via Zoom:**

Brittany Bulfer, EHD  
Andy Greer, Gateway  
Misty Eftink, EHD  
Megan Ragan, SATTC  
Aaron Seibert, Centerstone  
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD  
Rachel Chruszczyk, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois  
Adrienne Baker, TASC  
S. Walker, Christopher Rural Health  
Bradley Bullock, TASC  
John Cantrell, Arrowleaf

### **Standing Coalition Business:**

- Minutes from the April meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Dr. Michael Blain. Kindra York seconded the motion.

### **New and Standing Coalition Reports:**

- *Dr. Michael Blain*, CRHPC, spoke of the importance of treating addiction like a chronic illness. He added that support groups, counselors, and extended treatment are critical to those in recovery. He touched on the studies being done on Ketamine. While it is not currently being used to assist with addiction, it is expected to be used in the future, in a controlled environment. He noted a rise in STD's in kids, and attributed the lack of education on this subject in health education. He worries that schools are shying away from issues like food programs and mental health.
- *Misty Smith*, EHD, reported a great turn out for the recovery group. The group has enjoyed a bowling night and a recent cook-out in Carmi, both being well attended. They have also planned a skating night to take place in Fairfield later in May. Flyers will be distributed soon. She announced the upcoming Saline County Outreach Recovery event to be held in Harrisburg on Saturday, May 4th. Many vendors will be in attendance, and food will be available. It is expected to be a great success for the recovery community and their loved ones.
- *Chris Dennis*, EHD, gave a brief report on the SI SUPRT free laundry events. The latest event in Carmi was well attended with a reported 26 people and 78 loads of laundry were done at no cost.
- *Katie Unthank*, EHD, reminded us of an upcoming Recovery Rally to be held on September 21st, 2024. It is a national event and will take place in Chicago.
- *Andy Greer*, Gateway, updated us on the progress of the Men's Recovery Home located in Carbondale. He hopes to start tours once work is completed.
- *Megan Ragan*, SATTC, is hoping to have her new facility ready by the end of May, early June. She added that positions are being filled and they will continue to hire as funding is available. They will provide resources such as perinatal guidance, mental health, and possibly some food on site available for distribution.

- *Katie Unthank*, EHD reported that over 800 Narcan kits were distributed in the past month. Staff will also be setting up a table at the Duquion State Fair being held in September. Test strips will also be available for distribution.
- *Drew Donelson*, EHD, added that Narcan distribution sites will be listed in the newsletter. Holly Kotner, EHD, is working on a shareable flier that will depict where stands are located.
- *Aaron Seibert*, Centerstone, noted that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. He added that Marion Town Square will be lit up in green throughout the month to support awareness. A 5K will be held on September 7th in honor of Suicide Prevention month, and that they are still seeking vendors, as well as participants.
- *Rachel Chrusczyk*, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, announced a peri-natal training to be held on May 13th at 10:00. She will share registration information for this 2 hour training.
- *Stacey Miller*, EHD, reported that August is Overdose Awareness Month. An event is being planned and she is hoping to have speakers present as well as having Narcan and test strips available for distribution.
- *Elizabeth Cook*, EHD, reminded us of the walking challenge taking place through Community Health.

Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Jamie Byrd seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 5th at noon, via Zoom**