



MERC Meeting Summary

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Meeting

April 17th, 2025

Attendees

- Alexandria Chastain- Community member
- Angella Holloway- MERC ROSC CHS
- Ashley Ramos – Gateway Foundation
- Cora Hughs- Community member Pastor
- Chris Heilig- Community member
- Dan Hutchison- Director CHS/ROSC & OEND-DOPP
- Debbie Humphries-Madison County 708 MH board
- Greg Norkus-SCCP
- Jen Nagel-Fischer-Porchlight Collective SAP
- Kara Wordein-RCORP CHS
- Kathy Kehrer-CCE CHS
- Kristen Anderson-CCBHC CHS
- Lindsey McCoy-Amare nfp
- Mark Knott- MERC ROSC CHS
- Megan Tyler- Sacred Spaces of Care
- Monique Brunious-ROSC-CHS
- Patrick Miller-CHS/CCE Faith and Recovery
- Ryen Stone-CHS SUPS
- Robyn Robinson-Comprehensive Behavioral Health
- Toni Randall-ROSC-CHS
- Tracey Dones-CHS/CCE Faith and Recovery
- Ty Bechel- Bechel & Associates

Today's meetings Business

- Debbie Humphries shared on the Opioid Settlement funds to support opioid remediation programs in the community.

Funding began in 2024 distributor payments will be paid through 2038 and Janssen through 2031

Counties receiving funding are obligated to use settlement funds to support Opioid remediation programs

Total % of settlement is fixed, there are variables that could modify the amounts of each yearly payment possibly changing the total amount

Programs of core strategies that are approved:

Naloxone, Medicated Assisted Treatment, Pregnant and post-partum women, Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services, Treatment for incarcerated Populations, Evidence-Based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of abatement strategies within the state.

- Debbie also shared some of the providers and their numbers of people helped within the past year
- Amare-156, BJC-Alton Memorial-661
- This is only 2 of the many providers and their numbers serving over 800 community members in Madison County alone who were in need of services to receive help.

Thank You Debbie for presenting you did a marvelous presentation and if anyone would like to email her, here is her information Deborah L. Humphrey <dlhumphrey@madisoncountyl.gov>

Announcements and upcoming events

At the Edwardsville Library there are monthly Stigma conversations along with Narcan demonstrations which will continue to be held on the 3rd or 4th Wed of each month check the library Facebook page schedule. A link to the Facebook back can be found on their website: [Home | Edwardsville Public Library](#)

Next Meeting Info

May 15th, 2025, at 9:00am. This meeting will be Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/97144229718>

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.