SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes June 4, 2025 12:00 hybrid at the iHub and via Zoom

Attendees via Zoom:

Tricia Harrison, EHD Theresa Oxford, EHD Bev Holland, Region 5 Dr. Michael Blain, CRHPC Ernie Fowler, EHD Callie Buchanan, Comprehensive Connection Johanna Gonzalez, SUPR Michelle Buckley, Oxford House Rachel Chruszczyk, Prevent Child Abuse Laurie Fields, First Presbyterian Church Shyla Wagner, EHD Hailie Ragan, Hamilton Memorial Hospital Emily York, Southeastern Illinois College Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD Shyla Hernendez, EHD Danielle Kroeger, SIRN Tessa Ferrell,

Attendees in-person:

Danielle Camp, EHD
Hannah Jude, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Chris Dennis, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Holly Kotner, EHD
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Charly Gordon, EHD
Mandy Hagen, TAT
Kelsey Drislkall, TAT
Jordan Pilkington, EHD

James Byrd, EHD Misty Eftink, EHD Megan Alleci, Via Dolorosa Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD Stacey Miller, EHD Kat Southard, EHD Angie Hampton, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously. Motion made by Danielle Camp, Kindra York seconded the motion.
- Megan Mitchell, Kelsey Driskall, Mandy Hagen, and Bryant Byrd were introduced and welcomed by the council.
- Chris Dennis (EHD) spoke on the Impact Report and the highlights of what the ROSC has done in the fiscal year. The laundry events have been a success for our community and some of the participants have received treatment. Council members have been brought together to ensure we are all doing what we can to help those in recovery. Perhaps the most important achievement is the changes being made in the culture of recovery. Court services have become more dignified, NARCAN is now offered in the jails. Community awareness is spreading and the stigma is being softened. Sober recreational events have been held, allowing those in recovery to enjoy socializing in a healthy way with their peers. All these factors have been a positive change in our community to show that recovery is possible.
- Angie Hampton (EHD) informed the council that several of our employees were nominated and received awards at the Southern Illinois Recovery Network (SIRN)
 Conference. She spoke on the Phoenix Award and how proud she is of the work the recovery specialists are doing.
- Angie Hampton also shared with the council that the ICEJA grant will ensure that another
 peer supporter will be placed inside the Saline County Court system. Judge Clark asked
 the Egyptian Health Department to apply for this funding in hopes to assist recovery and
 mental health concerns for the incarcerated population. CRSS will assist psychiatrists in
 expediting mental health evaluations for incarcerated people unable to stand trial.
- Dr. Michael Blain (CRHPC) spoke to the council in regards to a letter being created to be distributed to the States Attorney. The use of MAT will be the subject, in hopes to be

effective with opioid disorder for those incarcerated. This treatment can be helpful to those struggling with alcohol abuse, as well.

- Megan Alecci (Via Dolorosa) gave updates on the recovery home progress. This new facility is located in Eldorado, with hopes to open in the Fall of 2025. She shared before and after photos of the building and described the work that has been done, as well as the work they have planned. She added that fundraising will be needed, and they are applying for grants, as well. In addition, they are working to complete a "special circumstances" room where mothers with children will be welcome.
- Danielle Kroeger (SIRN) shared reports from a conference held on May 23rd. 160 people were in attendance, 5 awards were given, 11 speakers presented, and 22 vendors were in attendance. She added that Chester, IL will be hosting a Walk for Recovery on September 13th. Additionally, "Youth Prevention Day' will take place in Marion on June 28th. This event will provide food, vendors, seat belt safety, a bounce house, and a youth panel for discussion. A flyer will be shared.
- Drew Donelson (EHD) gave statistics for the month of May: 1625 Naloxone kits were distributed, 324 individuals were trained, 75 Xylazine test strips were distributed, and 768 fentanyl test strips were distributed. Over 90 display stands are placed in 30 surrounding counties.
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (EHD) announced receiving Matrix certification. This is a Level 2, Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program to be offered to those with higher needs at EHD.
- Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Holly Kotner seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for July 2nd at noon via Zoom.