

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025
12:00 via zoom

Attendees:

Brandon Newman, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Michelle Buckley, Oxford House
Vincent Falzone, ISP Drug Task Force
Katie Unthank, EHD
Misty Eftink, EHD
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Chris Dennis, EHD
Brittany Bulfer, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Dr. Michael Blain, CRHPC
Keisha Fromm, EHD
Laurie Fields, First Presbyterian Church
Bev Holland, Region 5
Kat Houghton, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the April meeting approved with the stipulation of an edit to be made in the Narcan report, unanimously with a motion made by Kindra York. Keisha Fromm seconded the motion.

- Chris Dennis (EHD) along with Dr. Blain (CRHPC) addressed the council with the idea of a “Letter of Outreach” to be created and distributed to the States Attorney. This letter would be in lieu of a meeting. The letter essentially would encourage a “recovery based mindset” with the hope that treatment would be provided in place of incarceration. The letter would also provide a detailed and thorough list of treatment plans available in our community as well as resources. Additionally, the letter would provide samples of “success stories” resulting from treatment services. The council was asked to provide input on the letter and suggestions will be considered moving forward. It was noted that there should be a “point person” available for contact from our council, this is in hopes to make communication less complicated for local law enforcement.

- Michelle Buckley (Oxford House) reported that she has met with Chris to explore Harrisburg in hopes of finding a location for an Oxford House. Ideally, this home would be located near a variety of businesses, making employment opportunities more obtainable. Transportation continues to be an issue in our region and there are many aspects to consider. She added that their hope is to find a suitable home by July 2025.
- Kiesha Fromm (EHD) reminded the council of an upcoming recovery event to take place on Saturday, May 10th. This 5th annual event will provide vendors, resources, giveaways, food, and entertainment. A large crowd is expected to attend as each year, this event has grown. A flyer was shared with the council members.
- Drew Donnelson (EHD) gave a report of Narcan distribution for April 2025. 202 people were trained, 1318 kits were distributed, 764 test strips distributed, 83 stands are now displayed within our service region.
- Kindra York (EHD) shared information about an upcoming recovery event to be held in Carmi, at the park. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 27th. There will be a cookout as well as games for attendees. A flyer will be shared with the council.
- Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn the meeting, with Drew Donelson seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 4th at noon. It will be held at the iHub with a virtual option as well.