

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2025, 12:00-1:00pm

Attendees:

Chris Dennis, EHD
Misty Smith, EHD
Madison Reed, EHD
Matt Shaffer, EHD
Kat Houghton, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Brandon Newman, EHD
Bev Holland, Region 5
Holly Kotner, EHD
Jordan Pilkington, EHD
Michael Tyson, Southern Illinois Resource and Advocacy Center
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD
Mandy Hagen, TAT
Misty Eftink, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Laurie Fields, First Presbyterian Church
Stacey Miller, EHD
Margot Cepeda, VA
Charly Gordon, EHD
Rachel Chruszczyk, Prevent Child Abuse
Toni Jobst, EHD
Angie Bailey, SIH
Ernie Fowler, EHD
Vincent Falzone, ISP Drug Task Force
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Tricia Harrison, EHD
Courtney Jones, EHD
Addy Hanks, EHD
Emily York, SIC

Standing Coalition Business

- Approval of June Meeting Minutes: June meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Motion made by Kindra York, seconded by Holly Kotner.
- New member introductions: Toni Jobst and Addy Hanks with EHD. Emily York with SIC.

New and Standing Coalition Reports

- Chris Dennis (EHD) presented the SI SUPRT Community Impact Report and highlighted the 3 key components.
 - Anti-Stigma/Recovery Oriented Systems Presentations. Project: Multiple presentations on recovery and impact of cultural stigma to local hospitals, libraries, treatment providers and youth serving organizations. Outcome: Increased referrals from ER nurses and harm reduction in ED, CRSS on Crisis Response Team, CASA referrals for parents with SUD, more recovery-oriented libraries.
 - Supported planning efforts for local faith-based residential programs. Project: Developed partnership with the director of Via Dolorosa, a forthcoming residential home for women with SUD. Council provided guidance on funding and operations and clinical linkages. Outcome: Organization received county opioid settlement funds and plans to be operational in 2025.
 - Made local court systems more recovery-friendly. Project: Met with probation, judges, public defenders, and state attorneys in Saline and Gallatin County to help local justice systems become more recovery-oriented. Outcome: Naloxone distribution upon jail release, increased referrals from probation, SMART Recovery for probationers, CRSS working in public defender's office, 120 recovery consults in jail, 51 inpatient treatment linkages from jail.
 - Chris added other highlights for FY 2025: 15 Free Laundry Day events, serving 257 people, washing and drying 858 loads of laundry in collaboration with the First Presbyterian Church who has now begun holding their own events, primarily serving unhoused individuals with SUD.
 - 95 free Naloxone dispensers with 16, 078 total Naloxone kits distributed in Southern Illinois. A flyer was shared with the council.
- Chris shared highlights from the recently held Recovery Leadership Summit held in Washington DC. Council members that attended the summit spoke on some of their personal experiences. They all reported that they enjoyed the time spent together as a team while enjoying break-out sessions, panel discussions, resources, and awards ceremonies. Some of their favorite sessions included creative writing, lectures on eating

disorders during substance use and recovery, and diversity. Chris shared photos of the team's time spent there and they all agreed it was a very educational, inspiring event.

- Chris announced an upcoming event being hosted by Egyptian Health Department. Overdose Awareness Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th. While they are currently in the planning phase, more announcements will be made as available.
- Mike Tyson (SIRN) informed the council that their recently held conference was a great success with 160 in attendance, and awards were presented. He focused on recent funding cuts in our region and the effect that will have on our community. He encouraged council members to write impact statements in hopes that it will end funding reductions.
- Drew Donelson (EHD) gave the following report for FY 25: 16,180 naloxone kits distributed, 4,677 people trained, 4,922 fentanyl test strips distributed, 225 xylazine test strips distributed.
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (EHD) reminded the council that a new training will begin in October. This will be a Level Two care, Matrix model form of training. The intensive outpatient program will be a 16 week process and will be very valuable to those in substance abuse counseling.
- Kindra York (EHD) announced an upcoming laundry event to be held in McLeansboro on July 8th. A flyer was shared with the council.
- Motion was made by Drew Donelson to adjourn this meeting, with Stacey Miller seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 6th at noon via Zoom.