

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2025
12:00 Zoom/In-Person

In Person

Chris Dennis, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Holly Kotner, EHD
Sarah Foster, SIU
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Jamie Byrd, EHD
Kat Southard, EHD
Katie Unthank, EHD
Haley Smith, EHD
Matt Shaffer, EHD
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD
Angie Hampton, EHD
Stacey Miller, EHD
Misty Eftink, EHD
Bryant Byrd, EHD

Via Zoom

Cammy Duggins, Arrowleaf
Bev Holland, Region 5
Michael Tyson, Southern Illinois Resource and Advocacy Center
Dr. Michael Blain, CRHPC
Jordan Pilkington, EHD
Deb Beckman, Chestnut

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the August meeting were approved unanimously. Motion made by Jamie Byrd, seconded by Holly Kotner.

New and Standing Coalition:

- Dr. Michael Blain (CRHPC) along with Sarah Foster (SIU) educated the council on the dangers of Kratom. This addictive substance is not FDA approved yet is being marketed as an “energy booster.” It is Dr. Blain’s understanding that the product is currently sold to those 18 and older, but there are hopes to limit it to 21 and up. The goal is to get it banned in our area (as many counties have already succeeded). There is limited research available on Kratom, but studies show that withdrawal from the substance is similar to opiate withdrawal. He advised the council that Kratom does not show up in a urine/drug screening, but it is important that we be aware of this substance and educate ourselves in this area.
- Chris Dennis (EHD) spoke briefly on the Community Survey. He asked the council to review and a discussion was held on how to get the best representation of our service area. It is the council's hope to have 500 people complete the survey before the deadline of December 1st of this year. The surveys will be available on line with paper copies available as well. It was also discussed that the surveys be made available at community events by council members.

Chris added that a video has been made and shared on SI SUPRT’s facebook page in honor of recovery month. Additionally the “yard sign campaign” began today and signs will be made available to anyone wanting to participate in “Recovery is for Everyone.” A calendar of recovery events in our area has also been made available on the facebook page.

- Drew Donelson (EHD) reported Naloxone numbers for the month of August
 - 2,835 kits distributed
 - 1,175 people trained
 - 155 test strips distributed
 - 1,257 kits distributed at the State Fair in a 7 day span
- Jerri Baxley-Brown (EHD) announced plans for a recovery picnic to be held for clients. This event will take place on Thursday, September 25th, from 5:00-7:00. It will be held at Karel Park in Eldorado and all clients are invited to attend. She

added that training for the new Matrix model is set to begin the first week of October.

- Keisha Fromm (EHD) informed the council that a recovery walk is upcoming. “Glow Walk for Recovery” is set for Saturday, September 13th and will be held at Rapunzel's in Harrisburg. She shared a flyer with event details.
- Holly Kotner (EHD) reported a recovery walk is set for September 13th in Chester, IL.
 - She added that approximately 70 people were in attendance for the Overdose Awareness Day event at the iHub held on August 26th. It is thought that this was the agency's largest turn out for this annual event.
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (EHD) informed the council that Campbells Energy is now offering services to their employees rather than terminating their employment upon receiving a positive drug test. It is our hope that more companies utilize this system.
- Motion was made by Stacey Miller to adjourn the meeting, with Drew Donelson seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, October 1st at noon and will be held virtually.