## SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes Hamilton/White Counties October 15, 2025 12:00 pm via Zoom

## **Attendees:**

Chris Dennis, EHD Danielle Camp, EHD Mark Elliott, Hamilton Co. Health Department Kiesha Fromm, EHD Beth Sandusky, Hamilton Co. Circuit Clerk Shyla Hernandez, EHD Bev Holland, Statewide ROSC Haley Smith, EHD Adam Magsig, Jacob's Well Cassie Magsig, Jacob's Well Drew Donelson, EHD Mike Baxley, White Co. Treasurer Nicole Schoenborn, Wayne Co. Health Department Katie Unthank, EHD Michelle Buckley, Oxford House Elizabeth Cook, EHD Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD Kindra York, EHD Mike Tyson, SIRAC Kat Southard, EHD Holly Kotner, EHD

## **Standing Coalition Business**

Johanna Gonzalez, IDHS

• The September meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Motion made by Kiesha Fromm, seconded by Shyla Hernandez.

## **New and Standing Coalition**

- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (EHD) reported on the success of a recovery event held in Carmi. A reported 30 people were in attendance on September 27th at Burrell Woods.
- Adam and Cassie Magsig (Jacob's Well) spoke on the new transitional housing, located in McLeansboro. The former nursing home is in the process of becoming a recovery home for women, as well as mothers with their children. They expressed their concern with the rise in drug growth in their community and felt called to create safe, affordable housing for women in recovery. Jacob's Well will provide individual apartments, with a community kitchen. Upon completion, they hope to have 22 rooms in total, with hopes to have 11 rooms prepared by Spring. While zoning has been approved, several hurdles remain. Currently they are without utilities as the previous owner was unable to pay the outstanding balance. Building clean up is well on its way and progress photos were shared with the council. The large focus now is on fundraising. The council discussed the distribution of recently acquired opioid settlement funds. It was suggested that the Magsig's address the county board in regards to those funds. To date, Hamilton County has not spent any of the funds.
- Michelle Buckley (Oxford House) informed the council that they are opening a home for men in Mt. Vernon. She added that there are hopes to open a recovery home in Carbondale for women. She is currently looking for new investors, as well as landlords for these facilities. She hopes to work with local agencies, such as Take Action Today, Egyptian Health Department, and Gateway in order to provide care and treatment at these new facilities. Lastly, she discussed the possibility of hosting a Town Hall meeting in our service area, and will keep the council informed as progress is made.
- Nicole Schoeborn (Wayne Co. Health Department) informed the council of an Opioid
  Coalition to be hosted by the Health Department. Their next meeting will take place on
  Tuesday, October 21st at 9:00 in Hamilton Co. Kindra York (EHD) plans to attend.
  Nicole added that there are no MAR providers available in Hamilton or Wayne Counties
  to her knowledge.
- Chris Dennis (EHD) asked the council to share the link for the Community Survey. They hope to have 500 responses by December 1st. The more surveys completed, the better we can assist the needs of our community members.
- Drew Donelson (EHD) reported Naloxone numbers for the month of September: 1,523 kits distributed, 367 people trained, 255 test strips distributed.
- Holly Kotner (EHD) announced an upcoming laundry event to be held in Carmi on October 21st.

• Motion was made by Holly Kotner to adjourn the meeting, with Elizabeth Cook seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for November 19th at noon and will be held virtually.