

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
Hamilton-White County
December 17, 2025
11:00am via Zoom

In Attendance:

Drew Donelson, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Chris Dennis, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Johanna Gonzalez, SUPR
Katie Unthank, EHD
Michael Tyson, Southern Illinois Resource and Advocacy Center

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Johanna Gonzalez. Katie Unthank seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- The entirety of the meeting was dedicated to the Strategic Plan. Chris expressed challenges in formulating a comprehensive three year plan, particularly focusing on the one year objectives. Johanna offered a strategic planning guide to assist, and the team emphasized the importance of clear, measurable goals. The importance of gathering feedback from recovery service providers and participants to enhance community engagement was also discussed.
- The council also outlined plans for community outreach initiatives, including four annual laundry events and a Q&A session aimed at reducing stigma. Chris and Kindra highlighted the success of the previous community forums. It was agreed on tracking metrics such as the number of recovery events and community survey responses to assess the effectiveness of their initiatives.
- Concerns were raised about the implementation of Medication Assisted Recovery in the region due to limited access points and provider interest. The group collaborated on developing survey questions to gauge community understanding and access to resources, with plans to present these topics at the upcoming Hamilton County Opioid Coalition Meeting.

- Chris Dennis led a conversation about transitional housing in Hamilton, proposing a goal to improve access to such housing. The group discussed the importance of measurable outcomes and feedback from both service providers and participants to assess the effectiveness of their initiatives.
- Additionally, Johanna Gonzalez introduced a measure related to community surveys respondents' perceptions of respect for individuals who use substances, which Chris supported as an objective. The conversation shifted to defining outcome measures, with Katie Unthank recommending that they focus on the number of recovery events held rather than the number of attendees.

Meeting adjourned unanimously.

Next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 21st at noon over Zoom.