

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
Hamilton-White County
January 21, 2026
12:00 via Zoom

In Attendance:

Chris Dennis, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD
Bev Holland, Region 5
Tara Gorden, Hamilton Memorial Hospital
Mark Elliott, Wayne Co. Health Department
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Katie Unthank, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Jeff Metz, Rooted in Grace
Keisha Fromm, EHD
Kat Southard, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the December meeting were approved unanimously. Motion made by Kindra York, seconded by Keisha Fromm.

New and Standing Coalition:

- Jeff Metz (Rooted in Grace) spoke on the recovery home based in Lawrenceville, IL. Rooted in Grace is a faith-centered facility that houses men in addiction treatment. They provide step-study, church service, food and transportation. He added that the facility is currently full, and they have 16 men on the waiting list. It is his hope to open another recovery home that will house women only. For referrals or more information please contact Jeff at: metzismetzy@gmail.com
- Elizabeth Cook (EHD) shared slides with the results from the latest Community Survey. Some of the highlights are as follows:

Gender Identity Saline/Gallatin

*Male 24

*Female 48

- *Non Binary 1
- *Did not respond 1
- *Prefer not to say 3

Gender Identity White/Wayne/Hamilton and Surrounding Counties (77 respondents)

- *Male 19
- *Female
- *Non Binary 1
- *Did not respond 3
- *Prefer not to say 2

Age Saline/Gallatin

- *Under 18- 1
- *18 to 24- 3
- *25 to 34- 23
- *35 to 44- 24
- *45 to 54- 24
- *55 to 64- 27
- *65 and over- 5
- *Did not respond- 2

Age White/Wayne/Hamilton and Surrounding Counties

- *Under 18- 1
- *18 to 24- 4
- *25 to 34- 11
- *35 to 44- 13
- *45 to 54- 25
- *55 to 64- 16
- *65 and over- 7
- *Did not respond-

Other charts depicted categories such as race, feelings towards recovery, stigma, MAR, mental health, harm reduction and availability of services in our surrounding counties.

- Kindra York (EHD) reported on a community dinner (Winter Warm Up Meal) that she and Shyla Hernandez (EHD) hosted in McLeansboro. Donations were gathered from the community and volunteers helped serve soup, salad and dessert. Volunteers were also available to deliver meals to shut-ins.

- Chris Dennis (EHD) announced the upcoming Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference to be held in Carbondale at SIU. The two day conference will take place March 12th-13th. Conference highlights include:
 - Drug trends
 - Human trafficking
 - Illinois' Deflection Model
 - Housing instability and recovery journeys
 - Lived experience and peer support

The conference will consist of 20+ breakout sessions on topics such as trauma in recovery, integrated care, health and substance misuse, MAT and detox medication guidance, juvenile court intersections, school-based prevention, veteran care, and more. Networking opportunities and vendor exhibits will also be available both days.

- Chris also shared the 2026 calendar for the laundry events with the council.
- Drew Donnelson (EHD) gave the following statistics for December and shared a map listing stand locations.
 - *773 kits of Naloxone were distributed
 - *86 individuals were trained
 - *220 fentanyl test strips were distributed
 - *100 xylazine test strips were distributed
- Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Kiesha Fromm seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for February 18th at 12:00 via Zoom