

SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026 noon-1:00 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance

Chris Dennis, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Misty Eftink, EHD
Vincent Falzone, ISP Drug Task Force
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Misty Smith, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Adrienne Baker, TASC
Katie Unthank, EHD
Dr. Michael Blain, HMC
Faith Cluster, TASC
Jessica M, TAT
Holly Kotner, EHD
Haley Smith, EHD
Bev Holland, Region 5
Rachel Chruszczyk, Prevent Child Abuse
Matt Shaffer, EHD
Ana DeUnamuno, RMTD
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Katie Unthank. Holly Kotner seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- Chris Dennis (EHD) spoke on raising awareness on the use of MAR. It was suggested that some sort of campaign should be created to inform and educate the general public on the use of MAR. The council discussed the use of a “postcard” full of information, as

well as a list of “recovery friendly doctors” in our region, thus reducing the stigma. Dr. Blain suggested a “warm hand-off” to those seeking recovery as a way to help ease the patient's anxiety. The council agreed that there is a large misconception surrounding the use of MAR in our community. Informing individuals of its benefits could help lower the stigma. The postcards could be distributed by counselors in our area. Chris will be working with Dr. Blain to help produce a simple, informative postcard and it will be shared with the council for review.

- A SIRN conference will be held at SIC on May 22nd. This is the 2nd annual conference to be held, and while many details are still in the planning stage, it was announced that peer specialists and community health workers will be in attendance. Organizers are still needed for this event and any help is appreciated. More details will be made available and shared with the council as the event develops.
- SIU in Carbondale will be hosting their annual SIDAC event on March 12th and 13th. There will be many vendors and guest speakers at this conference and a large turn out is expected.
- Katie Unthank (EHD) announced that John A. Logan will be hosting a “Together for Youth Summit” to be held on Tuesday, March 31st and Wednesday, April 1st.
- Drew Donelson (EHD) gave the following statistics for January.
 - 833 kits of Naloxone were distributed
 - 63 individuals were trained
 - 25 fentanyl test strips were distributed
 - She added that there are approximately 100 Naloxone stands throughout our service area.
- Jerrie Baxley-Brown (EHD) spoke on the progress of the Matrix program. This intensive outpatient treatment will likely be discussed at upcoming Town Hall events.
- Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Kiesha Fromm seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 4th at 12:00 via Zoom.