

Saline-Gallatin SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes

July 1st, 2026 noon-1:00 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance:

Chris Dennis, EHD
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Sharron Orrick, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Katie Unthank, EHD
Kindra York, EHD
Holly Kotner, EHD
Christina Payne, By His Grace
Susan Baker, TASC
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Stacey Miller, EHD
Jerrie Baxley-Brown, EHD
Haley Smith, EHD
Laurie Fields, First Presbyterian Church
Jamie Byrd, EHD
Cammy Duggins, Arrowleaf
Bev Holland, Region 5
Emma Eposth, TASC

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the June meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Katie Unthank. Kindra York seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- Christina Payne (By His Grace) shared information regarding their available resources at the Harrisburg location, which serves as a cooling center during the summer. She added they will be hosting a “Glow Walk” on September 12th. She shared contact information with the council, as well the center’s address at 800 W. Poplar St. Harrisburg, IL 62946 (618) 253-9419
- Susan Baker (TASC) shared information about Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). This program is hoping to expand into surrounding counties, with rental assistance for up

to two years for people experiencing homelessness. These resources are already available to community members in central and western Illinois. Participants from a homeless encampment were given the opportunity to discuss what would best benefit those in need. Topics such as rent, utilities, bedding, and moving expenses were highlighted. Assistance is available to formerly incarcerated individuals. She also shared contact information. Emma Eposth: eposth@tasc.org Susan Baker: sbaker@tasc.org

- Chris Dennis (EHD) presented the Community Impact Report for FY26, highlighting the council's top projects from FY26, including laundry events, MAR in the jail, and the SIRN conference.
- Laurie Fields (First Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg) spoke on free laundry events being planned and the funding that is needed to host these events.
- EHD's Overdose Awareness Event is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th. More details will be shared in the near future.
- Elizabeth Cook (EHD) announced a free concert to be held in Harrisburg on July 1st, 2026.
- Motion was made by Kindra York to adjourn this meeting, with Holly Kotner seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 5th at noon via Zoom