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Meramec Rural Opioid Program

Consortium Meeting

January 16, 2020

Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Samantha Maddison called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and all attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Staff Report:** Samantha updated consortium on the new employees that will begin this month. Rebecca Stinson, Community Development Specialist Assistance, and Jane Johannsen, Senior Community Development Specialist, will begin on January 21, 2020. Jane will be the project lead on the Department of Justice grant discussed later in the meeting. Rebecca will work on both projects to assist Samantha and Jane in their day to day activities.
3. **Community Needs Assessment:** Samantha Maddison discussed with the consortium regional needs next steps for the years two and three of the current grant and potentially additional funding. Samantha provided the consortium with a copy of the strategic plan. When asked about gaps in the community, the consortium discussed not having any stand alone youth against opioid organizations like SADD. Another gap mentioned was that not all counties have a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Bonnie Prigge suggested that Samantha compile all of the responses from the surveys in the Community Needs Assessment and develop a plan from there rather than trying to determine gaps in this meeting. Samantha will report back to the group via email with a list of gaps. Consortium will help develop next steps based on this list.
4. **OJJDP Grant:** Samantha Maddison provided the consortium with a copy of the workplan for the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program, Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI). The consortium was tasked with suggesting individuals from the sectors of Law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, probation, Division of Family Services, health care, mental health, and prevention organizations to develop the OAYI consortium. The consortium will email their suggestions to Samantha and Anne.
5. **Program Updates:** Due to the length of time spent on the Community Needs Assessment and the OJJDP grant discussions, updates were not given. Members were encouraged to email any pressing information they have to Samantha and she will send it to the consortium.
6. **Next Meetings:** Consortium will be sent a survey to schedule meeting for April.