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Meramec Rural Opioid Program

Consortium Meeting

January 25, 2019

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

10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Samantha Maddison called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and all attendees introduced themselves.
2. **New Staff Introduction:** Mark Perkins, Senior Community Development Specialist, introduced himself to the group. Mark has a background in banking and finance. He was the Vice President of First Community National Bank before stepping away to manage the family cattle farm in Crawford County. He will be working part time on this grant and part time on an agriculture grant called Naturally Meramec.
3. **Staff Report:** Staff gave updates on the following projects:
   1. Morbidity and Mortality Review Update
      1. Mark Perkins updated the group on the Morbidity and Mortality Review. He indicated that he has been working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics department to gather information to report. The review is expected to be complete before the next consortium meeting.
   2. Survey Updates
      1. Samantha provided the consortium with copies of the completed law enforcement, first responder, school, and pharmacy surveys for their review. She reported that she would begin scheduling face to face meeting in the following weeks.
4. **Grant Opportunity:** Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Grant Opportunity
   1. Rebecca Stinson provided information on an upcoming grant opportunity that MRPC will be applying for. The Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program has released a 3-year, 2-phase grant aimed to help youth who have been affected by opioids. The grant is for up to $1,000,000. MRPC will report at the next consortium meeting, the status of the application.
5. **Annual Conference:** The group voted, and Kendra Mobray from the Dent County Health Center will be attending the Annual HRSA conference held in Washington DC with Samantha in June.
6. **Program Updates:** Members updated the group on their current efforts for the consortium and the progress they have made. Members also had the opportunity to discuss any upcoming events or opioid related programs they are working on.
   1. Phelps/Maries County Health Department is working to switch access to Narcan to them from the hospital. In the past four months, the Health Department has already distributed 70-80 doses. Linda indicated that she has met with multiple people who are aware they have an addiction but cannot go into a treatment facility due to the fact that they are the sole provider for their families.
   2. Dent County Health Center is also distributing more Narcan than in the past through the MORE grant. They provide to the Salem Police, Dent County sheriff, Dent County fire, Montauk State Park rangers, and EMS. They reported on a program called MOHOPE that is designed to provide Narcan to families and friends.
   3. Your Community Health Center reported that they had 25 attendants at their Phelps County Community Meeting that they held. They are done with the data hub they contracted with MIZZOU to build and it is accessible to the public. They have a mock bedroom event coming up at Steelville High School for parents to learn more about what to look for in their children’s bedrooms to prevent drug use in the home.
   4. Invent Yourself, LLC reported that he completed a program in the Bourbon High School with “at risk” youth through a grant through MCEC. He also recently hosted a “Felon Friendly” job fair in Crawford County. Four business were on site, however 10 sent application information. 13 interviews were held on site. Dr. Seibert felt this was a fantastic way to start his events as it was like stressful on the applicants.
   5. Prevention Consultants reported that they have completed the “Too Good for Drugs” program in five schools in three separate counties with a total of 345 kids. Salem High School is currently in progress and Vienna is scheduled for next school year.