**Opioid Affected Youth Initiative**

**Year 1, Meeting 3: SWOT Analysis, Pt. 2: Opportunities & Threats**

**Zoom Conference Meeting Summary**

**April 23, 2020**

**Members Present:** Casey Burton (Phelps Health), Jessica Butrey (Crawford Co. Jail), Mark Calvert (Associate Judge, 25th Cir.), Cyndi D’Onofrio (Gas/Osage Juvenile Office), Heather Durbin (Kids’ Harbor), Jim Fleming (City of St. James), Carolyn Gerber (Children’s Div. 25th Cir.), Jan Haviland (Private), Mary Heywood (Mid-Ozark CASA), Kevin Hillman (Pulaski Prosecuting), Scott John (Maries Law Enforcement), Linda Kozlowski (Phelps Maries Health), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of MO), Teresa Norton (Belle), Bonnie Prigge (MRPC), Felisha Richards (YCHC), Elizabeth Satterfield (Children’s Div. 25th Cir.), Stephanie Schindler (MU Extension), Theresa Schmitt (Mid-Ozark CASA), Sean Seibert (Invent Yourself), Tracy Sovar (MADAC), Janet West (LPC), Beverly Williams (Washington County Memorial Hospital)

**MRPC Staff Present:**  Anne Freand, Christa Harmon, Jane Johannsen, Rebecca Losing, Samantha Maddison, Mark Perkins

**Welcome and Introductions:** Jane Johannsen, Project Coordinator, welcomed Zoom participants at 2:00 pm and commenced the meeting at 2:05 pm.

**Updates:** Jane Johannsen updated the consortium on the COVID-OAYI contingency plan and timeline. By utilizing online resources and meeting tools, MRPC anticipates minimal disruptions to the original timeline in regards to OAYI consortium involvement. As stated in the March 10th OAYI meeting, youth participation has been reevaluated and postponed until the fall semester.

Rebecca Losing mentioned two projects that have been discussed internally: 1) a three-part webinar series, in a possible partnership with Prevention Consultants of MO and Missouri’s Department of Mental Health, focused on trauma-informed care; and 2) social media videos highlighting members of the OAYI consortium and addressing, “coping with a substance use disorder during a crisis.” MRPC will be following up with Your Community Health Center regarding participation in the webinar series, and the entire consortium regarding participation in the social media videos.

Jane Johannsen made note of the consortium’s participation rate of the April 14th Focus Group discussion (51%) and the April 16th Typeform Survey (59%). She thanked the participants for the continued support during COVID’s challenging times.

**Strengths Summary:** Jane Johannsen presented all of the prioritized strengths from the February 21st and March 10th OAYI meetings, and reviewed the top five: (28 votes) prevention programs; (17 votes) drug courts; (14 votes) collaborative/inter-agency teams; (11 votes) faith-based organizations; and (10 votes) region-wide decrease in OUD stigma. She called for additional comments; none were made.

**Weaknesses Summary:** Jane Johannsen presented all of the prioritized weaknesses from the February 21st and March 10th OAYI meetings, and reviewed the top five: (22 votes) need for trauma-informed individuals, lack of knowledge, persistent generational trauma, lack of identified trauma, lack of resources for diverse methods of healing; (18 votes) lack of local activities and positive diversions for youth; (13 votes) grant/project long term financial stability and sustainability; (10 votes) workforce shortage (and it’s negative impacts on at-risk families); and (8 votes) lack of licensed, clinical counselors in schools. She called for additional comments; none were made.

**Prepopulated Opportunities:** Jane Johannsen presented the list of prepopulated opportunities:

* Crisis Intervention Team training for Maries County
* Family court to all eight counties
* Drug court to all eight counties
* Training for foster care families
* Educate legal entities (courts, JO, GAL, etc.) on addiction and recovery
* "Educate the Educators" on trauma-informed care
* School Resource Officers to all eight counties
* “Parents as Teachers” expansion
* “Say No to Drugs” - programs to educate on opioid use disorder
* Youth-led coalitions
* Community-led coalitions
* High school volunteer groups; community engagement with volunteers
* Empowerment/self-esteem programs for youth and young adults
* Positive diversions and activities for youth
* Ministerial Alliances for community outreach and education
* “Community health fairs” - free medical exams and ‘family-friendly’
* Confidential and mental health resources in schools
* School resources to cover mental health and treatment for students
* Telehealth services in schools
* Social norming campaigns
* Social hosting laws
* Cross-agency/collaborative services
* Recovery care for parents and families with at-risk youth in household
* Physician certifications for Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)
* Mental health care, counseling/therapy for youth and families
* Preventative/goal-oriented therapy to vulnerable youth and families
* Transportation services to treatment facilities
* Family-strengthening programs
* Engage employers/ peer support groups in the workforce

The list was compiled from responses from the February 21st OAYI meeting and the April 16th Typeform survey. She mentioned the list is not prioritized. She asked participants to either utilize the Zoom chat box or “raise your hand” feature to comment on additional opportunities.

Jamie Myers made a typo correction: Student Resource Officer to be changed to School Resource Officer.

Sean Seibert posed the question to the group via chat box, “Can anyone speak to the recent state level budget reductions and how this will impact drug court programs in our region, if any?” Felisha Richards referred to a recent discussion with Judge Clayton of Phelps County, and stated that Missour Governor, Mike Parson, has proposed a 10% budget cut for FY20. Jamie Myers stated that withholds affecting FY20 will be based on revenues affected by COVID. Anne Freand advised to add “MO statewide budget cuts” to additional threats.

**Additional Opportunities:** The following additional opportunities were identified: 1) training for individuals that are working with kids for protective factors and risk factors -“what to expect from kids who have a substance use disorder;” 2) life skills training in schools; 3) behavioral health groups to take children into the jails to see their parents; 4) camps for children of parents who have substance use disorders; 5) more treatment programs in jails for adults who are trying to regain custody of their children; 6) additional and accessible integrated healthcare.

The listed opportunity of, “community health fairs” – free medical exams and family friendly, was relisted as an action item to additional integrated healthcare.

**Prepopulated Threats:** Jane Johannsen presented the list of prepopulated threats:

* Disparities between father and mother in a recovery household
* Compounded household insecurities: housing, income, health care
* Lure of lucrative drug/human trafficking
* Long wait lists and lack of funding sources – to access SUD
* Consequences of lapse between user and treatment and/or court
* Lack of youth, parent and community educational resources
* Lack of support for recovering users
* Lack of mental health care and treatment facilities
* Lack of peer support groups targeting youth
* “Familial threat” and generational substance use disorders
* Lack of “honest” OUD/SUD education
* Regional and national stigma of OUD and mental health; community mistrust in recovering users
* Lack of relevant, accurate data, and accessible comprehensive “resource guide”
* Lack of reliable community or individual transportation to services
* COVID stress; youth exposure to drug use during quarantine
* Lack of SUD/OUD education of government/local officers
* Leaders unwilling to work together on small, regional projects; unwillingness to coexist amongst multiple facilities
* Lack of “buy-in” from schools on evidence-based programs
* Schools unwilling to propose tax increases for student services
* Lack of consistent and available of family medical practitioners

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Anne Freand suggested via chat box, anything starting with “lack of” implies a weakness, not a threat outside of our regional control. Jane Johannsen is tasked with reevaluating the list.

Anne Freand asked via chat box for a clarification to, “long wait lists and lack of funding sources.” After clarification from Scott John, the threat was changed to, “state and federal legislative changes that impact availability of treatment options in the region.”

**Additional Threats:** The following additional threats were identified: 1) Missouri state-wide budget cuts; 2) state and federal legislative changes that impact availability of treatment options in the region.

**Prioritization:** Typeform survey to be sent to consortium via email on Thursday, April 30th. The deadline to complete the survey is Thursday, May 7th.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 21st at 2:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.