

MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Members Present: Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Darrell Skiles (Dent), John Muesch (Phelps), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Vic Stratman (Maries), Danny Brown (Crawford), Wayne Langston (Maries)

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Dave Sansegraw (Washington)

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink-Blair, Linda Loughridge, Caitlin Jones, Bonnie Prigge, Samantha Maddison

Call to Order and Introductions: Gary Hicks, Chairman, called the MCEC March 12, 2019, meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. He noted an addition to the Approval of Financials with Linda Loughridge presenting a revised budget. Each member and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Hicks asked for approval of the December 13, 2018 minutes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by John Muesch. Motion passed.

Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention: Samantha Maddison: Ms. Maddison updated the board about this new grant awarded to MCEC from Amerisource Bergen Foundation. The funds will be used to expand the regional opioid program funded through MRPC with a HRSA grant. It will help to locate prescription drug drop boxes, obtain an incinerator for the region, work with doctors on responsible prescribing, educate counties on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, work with law enforcement policies, increase public awareness and complete school programs in partnership with Prevention Consultants. Dr. Edwards asked how much funds were awarded and Ms. Maddison confirmed that the grant is for \$100,000. Gary Hicks asked if funds could be used on illicit drug prevention as well. Ms. Maddison explained that the grant would fund opioids and that would include illegal opioids as well.

Business / Reports:

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair reported that currently there was the single project funded which is the Amerisource funded opioid project that

Samantha Maddison just presented.

- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair informed the board that the MRCP grant for Duke Fire had been funded for \$250. Gary Hicks and Ron Simpson from the fire department had just attended the award ceremony to receive the grant. The Coover grant for Duke Fire is still pending. Ms. Sink-Blair said MCEC may apply for the next round of Amerisource funds to continue opioid programs and asked for the board's approval. John Muesch made the motion to approve, second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

MRPC board report: Gary Hicks asked for a volunteer from the board to provide the MCEC report on a quarterly basis to the MRPC board. Vic Stratman volunteered. Kelly Sink-Blair said she will provide draft minutes for him to use.

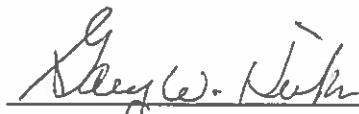
Approval of financials: Linda Loughridge presented financials through February 28, 2019. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve, second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed. Linda Loughridge presented the revised budget. Dr. Edwards asked about the lease line item and Ms. Loughridge explained that this was for the CERT trailer. Dr. Edwards made a motion to approve, second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

Items of Interest:

- A. Next Meeting:** Will be in June 2019. There is a TAC meeting that month so Gary Hicks offered that the board meet prior to that at 3:00p.m. Board members largely agreed and Kelly Sink-Blair said she would send out an rsvp to determine a quorum once it was closer to June.

Adjournment: Gary Hicks asked for a motion to adjourn. Darrell Skiles made a motion with second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

Approved by the Board 6-13, 2019



Gary Hicks, Chairman