

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Members Present: Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Vic Stratman (Maries), Darrell Skiles (Dent)

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), John Muesch (Phelps), Wayne Langston (Maries) Danny Brown (Crawford), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade)

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink-Blair, Samantha Maddison, Mark Perkins

Call to Order and Introductions: Gary Hicks, Chairman, called the MCEC September 10, 2019, meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Each member and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Hicks asked for approval of the June 13, 2019 minutes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by Darryl Griffin. *Motion passed.*

Community Foundation of the Ozarks/Rural Ozarks Health Initiative: Samantha Maddison and Mark Perkins gave updates on the two projects awarded to MCEC through this program: *Meramec Region Safe Rx Storage Project* and *Overcoming Barriers in Substance Use Disorder Recovery*. Samantha has purchased the locking Rx storage bags and will be distributing to pharmacies, doctor offices and senior centers. Mark reported that the SUD friendly job fair is scheduled for September 28 in Rolla. The target is 400 attendees and there will be community resources, free food and employers who are willing to work with SUD affected backgrounds. Flyers will be distributed soon.

4. Amerisource Bergen Opioid Prevention Program Update: Samantha Maddison and Mark Perkins reported on their respective activities under the funded program. Samantha said the purchase of Rx lock boxes will occur soon and MRPC and Prevention Consultants will distribute. Dr. Sean Siebert is developing a Rehab thru Innovation program for Osage County. Samantha is looking for sponsorship opportunities for events such as awareness walks and education/ad campaigns. Mark reported that Prevention Consultants is ready to implement the 2 Good 4 Drugs program in Potosi schools and is lining up other schools in Gasconade and Pulaski counties. He is also working with the Dent County Sheriff to help in the purchase of drug incinerator for the new jail.

5. Business / Reports:

- A. **MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair had nothing to add to the reports above.
- B. **MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair noted that there were no recently submitted or pending grants. The Amerisource grant will be available again in January 2020 and the intent is to use the results of the HRSA funded Community Needs Assessment to request funds to address gaps/needs identified.

6. Approval of financials: Staff will present preliminary year end financials through June 30, 2019. *Board Action Required.* Staff will present financials for the period ending August 31, 2019. *Board Action Required.*

Approval of FY18-19 Year end financials: Kelly Sink-Blair presented financials through June 30, 2019. She noted that Amerisource funds were not spent as anticipated so those funds will be spent in the FY19-20. Also noted was that the ROHI grants were not included, but are reflected in the FY19-20. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve, second by Stratman. *Motion passed.*

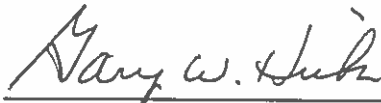
Approval of financials: Kelly Sink-Blair presented financials through August 31, 2019. Amerisource and ROHI will be expended by the next meeting so balances will be significantly lower then. Prevention Consultants and Dr. Siebert had not yet invoiced. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by Darrell Skiles. *Motion passed.*

Items of Interest:

- A. **Next Meeting:** Will be in December 2019. Kelly will send a survey prior to December to determine a date and time when a quorum can meet.

Adjournment: Gary Hicks adjourned the meeting

Approved by the Board 12-11, 2019



Gary Hicks, Chairman