

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

**Members Present:** Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Vic Stratman (Maries), John Muesch (Phelps), Wayne Langston (Maries)

**Members Absent:** Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Danny Brown (Crawford), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Darrell Skiles (Dent)

**Guests:**

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

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Gary Hicks, Chairman, called the MCEC December 11, 2019, meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Hicks asked for approval of the September 10, 2019 minutes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by John Muesch. *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 purchased the locking Rx storage bags and distributed to Phelps and Dent with Maries and Crawford next. She distributed to pharmacies, doctor offices, health departments and at meetings with interested agencies. Mark reported that the SUD friendly job fair was held September 28 in Rolla. The event was well attended with 25 employers represented and 73 job seekers. Members discussed the benefits of employment to those recovering and also discussed the need for housing and asked about any grants to help support that. Wayne Langston asked how many of the attendees were hired and staff will follow up with Dr. Siebert.

**Amerisource Bergen Opioid Prevention Program Update:** Samantha Maddison and Mark Perkins reported on their respective activities under the funded program. Mark reported that Dr. Siebert completed a Rehab thru Innovation program in Gasconade County in cooperation with Celebrate Recovery. Resource lists for Washington, Pulaski, Osage and Gasconade counties are being finalized. Prevention Consultants completed the 2 Good 4 Drugs program in Hermann, Potosi and Crocker schools and is lining up other schools in Washington and Pulaski counties. He is also working with the Dent County Sheriff to help in the purchase of drug incinerator for the new jail. Samantha said

the purchase of Rx lock boxes has been completed and will soon be distributed to pharmacies, health departments, schools, etc.

**Business / Reports:**

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair had nothing to add to the reports above.
- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair informed the board that MRPC needed MCEC to act as a fiscal agent to secure a foundation grant from the Marrilac Mission Fund. MRPC had submitted a grant to the Missouri Foundation for Health to create a Complete Count committee in Washington County to target under-represented groups in the 2020 Census. MFH did not fund the request, but MMF is prepared to do so in an amount of \$26,559. MMF requires a non-profit fiscal agent. Board members discussed how the project would be implemented and how MRPC staff would be compensated. Ms. Sink-Blair requested the MCEC board approve submitting the request to MMF and approve the subsequent grant award. Gary Hicks asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Wayne Langston with second by Darryl Griffin. The motion was approved.

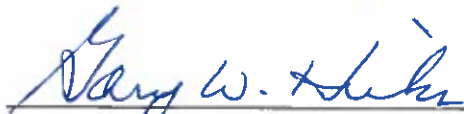
**Approval of financials:** Linda Loughridge presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The audit was clean and there were no particular issues aside from the change in how funds are reported (with or without donor restrictions). The audit cost \$2,500 and members discussed if a full audit was necessary each year. Gary Hicks asked for a motion to approve. John Muesch made a motion with second by Vic Stratman. Motion passed. Linda Loughridge also presented financials for the period ending November 30, 2019. Gary Hicks asked for a motion to approve. John Meusch made a motion with second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

**Items of Interest:**

- A. Next Meeting:** Will be in March 2020. Kelly will send a survey prior to March to determine a date and time when a quorum can meet.
- B.** Gary Hicks noted he receives emails regarding SAM registration and Linda Loughridge informed the board that MRPC handles all registrations for MCEC so these emails can be ignored.

**Adjournment:** Gary Hicks adjourned the meeting

Approved by the Board March 3, 2020

  
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Gary Hicks, Chairman