**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Planning Phase, Meeting 7

August 21, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Zoom Video Conferencing

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Shyanne Anthony (Great Circle), Charlotte Bellsmith (OC-ADCAT), Shawnee Douglas (Washington County Health Department), Jim Fleming (City of St. James, MO), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of Missouri), Teresa Norton (Citizen of the region), Dr. Lynne Reed (Salem R-80 School District), Felisha Richards (Your Community Health Center), Dr. Sean Siebert (Invent Yourself, LLC), Tracy Sovar (Missouri Alcohol Drug Assessment Consultants)

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

**Welcome:** OAYI Project Coordinator, Jane Johannsen, greeted consortium members and MRPC project staff. The Planning Phase, Meeting 7 was commenced at 2:35 PM.

**Review of July 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Sean Siebert motioned to approve the July 29, 2020 minutes; Jim Fleming seconded the motion.

**Project Updates:**

1. **Substance Use Disorder Awareness Walks**: Christa Harmon, lead project coordinator for the Substance Use Disorder Awareness Walks through MRPC’s Rural Opioid Initiative, invited members of the consortium to the August 22nd walk in Steelville, and the August 29th walk in Salem. Both walks were held at 9 AM and free and open to the public.
2. **OAYI Social Media Videos**: Rebecca Losing gave the members of the consortium an update of the progress of the OAYI Social Media Videos and requested two additional referrals to fill the eight-county region.
3. **Project Deliverable Submissions:**
   1. **Community Conversations on Stigma of Opioid Use, Misuse, and Recovery:** Dr. Sean Siebert gave a brief overview of Invent Yourself LLC’s subaward involvement that was submitted to OJJDP for approval review.
   2. **Participation Liability Waiver:** Jane Johannsen briefed the members of the consortium on OJJDP’s feedback, which included the process of background screening and contents of the waiver. The feedback was to be reviewed and addressed by MRPC.
   3. **Outstanding MOU’s:** Jane Johannsen reminded the members of the consortium of the requested August 15, 2020 deadline to return signed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.
   4. **Draft Strategic Plan:** Jane Johannsen reminded the members of the consortium that the Final OAYI Strategic Plan was due to IIR by August 28, 2020. Through the back and forth feedback from IIR, MRPC determined the plan needed to be simplified and focus on three points, based on the Mission: 1) prevention education, 2) a conduit for intervention information, and 3) a communications plan. The Final Strategic Plan will be reviewed during the September 2020 consortium meeting.

**Consortium Updates:** Charlotte Bellsmith (OC-ADCAT) added that Osage County has conducted community conversations focused on substance misuse. She stated the conversations had an overwhelmingly positive result in the community and gave her support for the pending approval of the Community Conversations on Stigma of Opioid Use, Misuse, and Recovery.

**Next Steps:** Jane Johannsen stated that a follow up email would be sent to the consortium requesting final feedback regarding the OAYI Strategic Plan by August 25, 2020, in order to meet the August 28th deadline of submission to IIR.

**Additional Questions:** There were no additional questions.

**Final Planning Phase Meeting:** Tentatively set for September 17, 2020.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.