**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Planning Phase 1, Meeting 5

June 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Zoom Video Conferencing

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Casey Burton (Phelps Health), Anita Carroll (Prevention Consultants of MO), Shawnee Douglas (Washington Co. Health Dept.), Heather Durbin (Kids’ Harbor), Jim Fleming (City of St. James), Terisha Friedmann (MO Bapt. Hospital – Sullivan), Jan Haviland (Private Industry), Linda Kozlowski (Phelps Maries Health), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of MO), Teresa Norton (Citizen of Belle), Greg Roeback (Great Mines Health Center), Elizabeth Satterfield (Children’s Div. 25th Cir.), Beverly Williams (Washington County Memorial Hospital)

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

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

**Review of May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Jane Johannsen reviewed the May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes. She motioned for approval. Jamie Myers, Prevention Consultants of MO, seconded the motion.

**Project Updates:**

Jane Johannsen gave the following project updates:

1. Belle Swap Meet – MRPC’s Rural Opioid Initiative was present at the June 13th public event. MRPC’s Rural Opioid Initiative is comprised of two grant projects: HRSA and OJJDP. Known event dates and involvement for future public events were requested as follow up items from the OAYI consortium members.
2. Trauma Informed Schools Webinar Concept Form – Kathy Mitchell, OAYI/OJJDP Program Manager, requested a webinar concept form for the Trauma Informed Schools Webinar Training prospective project before further actions are taken. The concept form must be approved by OJJDP before public materials are presented. As a follow up item, Jane Johannsen will send OAYI consortium the concept form via email.
3. Social media videos – Jane Johannsen submitted a project deliverables form for approval. The concept was approved, but youth participation is recommended. MRPC staff are recruiting participation from identified opioid affected youth.
4. Family assistance program – MRPC’s budget has identified an opportunity to allocate OAYI project funds for resources for children being taken out of their home due to drug/opioid-related issues. Project staff is actively communicating effective ways to implement this.
5. MRPC’s Rural Opioid Initiative’s website – MRPC has created a website delegated to provide public information surrounding the HRSA and OJJDP projects. OJJDP’s content is in the process of approval by management and OJJDP program manager.
6. New introductions – Greg Roeback (present), Great Mines Health Center, reached out to MRPC project staff to join the OAYI project efforts. Life House Youth Center (not present), Sullivan, reached out to MRPC project staff to learn more about the OAYI mission and project.

**Review of Action Items Typeform responses:**

These action items were received by the consortium in the form of a Typeform survey. The survey was accessible from the dates of May 28 – June 11, 2020.

Jane Johannsen review the action item responses for each prioritized weakness and opportunity that were identified in the project’s SWOT analysis. She asked the present consortium members to identify gaps or missing information; ask clarifying questions; and address additional comments.

A full list of the responses can be found in the Typeform Survey Summary.

1. First prioritized weakness (22 votes): Need for trauma-informed individuals and organizations to help address persistent generational trauma; lack of knowledge, identified trauma, and resources for diverse methods of healing.
   1. Gaps/missing information: (R. Losing) As stated in a previous meeting; programs that support youth with incarcerated family members, i.e. visitations, school support, etc.
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
2. Second prioritized weakness (18 votes): Need for positive, local activities and diversions for youth.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
3. Third prioritized weakness (13 votes): Grant/project long-term financial instability.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
4. Fourth prioritized weakness (10 votes): regional workforce shortage and its negative impact on vulnerable families and families suffering from OUD.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
5. First prioritized opportunity (15 votes): Educate the educators on trauma-informed care.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
6. Second prioritized opportunity (10 votes): Drug courts to all counties.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
7. Third prioritized opportunity (9 votes): Crisis Intervention Team training to all counties.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: None
8. Fourth prioritized opportunity (8 votes): School resources to cover mental health and treatment for students.
   1. Gaps/missing information: None
   2. Clarifying questions: None
   3. Additional comments: (J. Fleming) Due to the current national trends and budget cuts, School Resource Officers (operated by law enforcement) may not be available beginning fall 2020.

**Next Steps:** MRPC project staff and identified consortium members will begin assessing the feasibility of the identified action items. The feasibility of the action items will be contingent on the capabilities of MRPC to enact said items through the OAYI project and identifiable data/resources to support said items.

**Questions:** No questions or concerns were raised.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 16, 2020. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:00 PM

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.