**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Planning Phase 1, Meeting 4

May 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Zoom Video Conferencing

**Meeting Summary**

**Members Present:** Shyanne Anthony (Great Circle), Casey Burton (Phelps Health), Shawnee Douglas (Washington Co. Health Dept.), T.R. Dudley (City of Potosi), Heather Durbin (Kids’ Harbor), Terisha Friedmann (MO Bapt. Hospital -Sullivan), Mary Heywood (Mid-Ozark CASA), Linda Kozlowski (Phelps Maries Health), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of MO), Elizabeth Satterfield (Children’s Div. 25th Cir.), Theresa Schmitt (Mid-Ozark CASA), Sean Seibert (Invent Yourself), Tracy Sovar (MADAC), Beverly Williams (Washington County Memorial Hospital), Undisclosed phone number

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

**Welcome:** Jane Johannsen, OAYI Project Coordinator, welcomed the Zoom participants at 2:03 pm. She introduced Christa Harmon, who was promoted to a full-time position at MRPC on May 18, 2020. Ms. Harmon’s role with the OAYI project will focus on data collection and feasibility.

**Updates:** Firstly, Ms. Johannsen debriefed the consortium on the project deliverable template and webinar concept form information that was received from Kathy Mitchell, OJP Program Manager, on May 12, 2020. These templates are to be submitted to OJJDP for approval on project matters that include the general public’s participation.

Secondly, Ms. Johannsen debriefed the consortium on the key takeaways from the May 13, 2020 OAYI focus group discussion. Key takeaways included: MRPC’s approach to the state of Missouri’s Phase 1 of re-opening; feedback from the participating agencies’ approaches to the state of Missouri’s Phase 1 of re-opening; feedback from the participating agencies’ experienced challenges and anticipated challenges due to Covid-19; and the continued contingency plan. More information regarding the May 13, 2020 OAYI focus group discussion is detailed the meeting summary. The consortium received the meeting summary via email attachment.

As a final update, Ms. Johannsen debriefed the consortium on the top five prioritized strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and strengths found in the OAYI SWOT analysis.

Strengths - (28 votes) Prevention programs; (17 votes) Drug Courts; (14 votes) Collaboration teams, interagency collaboration; (11 votes) Faith-based organizations; (10 votes) Decrease in social taboo and stigma.

Weaknesses - (22 votes) Need for trauma informed individuals, lack of knowledge, generational trauma, identified trauma, method of healing; (18 votes) Lack of local activities, positive distractions; (13 votes) Grant/project long term financial stability and sustainability; (10 votes) Workforce shortage; (8 votes) Lack of licensed, clinical counselors in schools.

Opportunities – (15 votes) “Educate the Educators,” on trauma-informed care; (10 votes) Drug Court to all eight counties; (9 votes) CIT Training to all eight counties; (8 votes) School resources to cover mental health and treatment for students; (7 votes) tie – Jane to list.

Threats – (21 votes) Poor access to mental health care and treatment facilities; (20 votes) Compounded household insecurities; (16 votes) Poor support for recovering users; (13 votes) Stigma of OUD and mental health; community mistrust; (12 votes) Missouri state-wide budget cuts.

The full prioritization summaries are detailed in the April 23 and May 7, 2020 meeting summaries. Both these summaries were sent to consortium via email attachments.

**OAYI Timeline:** The intention of the OAYI project leaders is to focus on the development of the strategic plan and mission/vision during the months of May, June, and July 2020. The goal of this timeline is to prepare the foundation for the project’s implementation planning during the months of August and September 2020.

**Next Steps:**  Ms. Johannsen will send an OAYI: Action Items Typeform survey to the consortium via email on May 28, 2020. She requested completion of the survey by June 11, 2020.

**Next Meeting:** Due to the feedback received from the consortium, meetings and follow up items will continue to be conducted virtually. Re-evaluation of in-persons will be conducted late summer of 2020. The next consortium meeting will be June 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. An invite, along with the meeting’s agenda, will be sent to the consortium on June 11, 2020 via email.

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.