**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Planning Phase, Meeting 8

September 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Zoom Video Conferencing

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Charlotte Bellsmith (OC-ADCAT), Dr. Casey Burton (Phelps Health), Cyndi D’Onofrio (Gasconade Osage Juvenile Office), Jim Fleming (City of St. James, MO), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of Missouri), Dr. Lynne Reed (Salem R-80 School District), Felisha Richards (Your Community Health Center), Stephanie Schindler (MU Extension), Theresa Schmitt (Mid-Ozark CASA), Dr. Sean Siebert (Invent Yourself, LLC)

**MRPC Staff Present:** Christa Harmon, Jane Johannsen

**Guest Present:** Laura Powell (Compass Health Network)

**Welcome:**  Jane Johannsen welcomed the consortium members, MRPC project staff, and guest and commenced the meeting at 1:04 PM.

**Planning Phase, Meeting 7: August 21, 2020 Minutes:**  Jane Johannsen opened the conversation to any questions regarding the August 21, 2020 meeting minutes. No questions were posed. Dr. Lynne Reed motioned to approve the minutes. Felisha Richards seconded the motion.

**Guest Introduction:** Jane Johannsen introduced Laura Powell (Compass Health Network). Ms. Powell contacted Ms. Johannsen regarding more information about the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative. Ms. Powell requests to maintain communications because she is interested in any opioid-prevention efforts implemented by the initiative. Through her work at Compass Health network, she supports Osage and Pulaski counties in relationship to the counties served under the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative.

**Consortium Updates:**

Felisha Richards updated the consortium on the new Mobile Clinic through Your Community Health Center. Among other services, the Mobile Clinic will provide services for behavioral health and medication-assisted treatment. The clinic will alternate between Salem and Steelville with the hours of 9 AM – 4 PM. Governor Parson and personnel visited the clinic, which offered an opportunity for YCHC to advocate for prevention and treatment services and continued funding. For more information on the clinic, call the unit’s cell phone at (573) 368-8684.

Jamie Myers updated the consortium on the Too Good for Drugs program. Prevention Consultants of Missouri have successfully integrated the program’s curriculum in regional school districts. Prevention Consultants are following school district safety protocol surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Project Updates:**

1. **SUD Awareness Walks**

Christa Harmon spoke to the remaining substance use disorder awareness walks for 2020:

September 26, 2020 - St. Clair, 10 AM, Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group (MAAG)

October 3, 2020 – Belle, 10 AM, Meramec Region Rural Opioid Program (MRROP)

October 10, 2020 – Owensville, 10 AM, Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group (MAAG)

For more information on the awareness walks, email [charmon@meramecregion.org](mailto:charmon@meramecregion.org). Photos from the walks hosted by MAAG can be found on their Facebook page. For more information on the Meramec Region Rural Opioid Program, visit <https://www.meramecregion.org/mrpc-region-rural-opioid-program/>.

1. **OAYI Social Media Videos**

Jane Johannsen spoke on behalf of Rebecca Losing for the OAYI Social Media Videos. Ms. Losing continues to request referrals for an entire family with a youth living in a household affected by opioid use disorder to participate in the video project. The referral must reside within the Meramec eight-county region of Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski, and Washington. For more information, email [rlosing@meramecregion.org](mailto:rlosing@meramecregion.org).

1. **MRPC Personnel Policy**

Ms. Johannsen updated the consortium on the MRPC Personnel Policy changes that were approved by the Board of Directors during the monthly meeting in September. The following changes were in response to the prospective youth involvement through the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative:

*Additionally, any employee, volunteer, contractor, vendor, and subgrantee, defined as an individual age 18 or older, who work directly with youth, defined as an individual under age 18, through an MRPC program, will be vetted through the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry and the Missouri state Highway Patrol Criminal Record Check. If the individual has received a background check within the last 365 days, they will be required to provide certified documentation and may be subject to additional screening if the documentation does not meet the subsequent standards. Documentation meeting the stated requirements are required to have been conducted within 365 days of project start date, and to be reconducted annually. This policy will also act as the document to accompany the waiver acknowledging that youth who will be co-facilitating activities will be background screened.*

*MRPC shall cover the cost of background checks for MRPC employees and volunteers. Contractors, vendors, and sub-grantees are responsible for any costs associated with required background checks.*

1. **Approved Project Deliverables**
   1. Community Conversations on Stigma of Opioid Use, Misuse, and Recovery; Dr. Sean Siebert spoke to the project’s prospective timeline and objectives. The timeline includes eight conversations: one conversation in each of the eight counties over the course of the two-year implementation. The conversations will invite youth-led discussions on the topic of opioids in the company of stakeholders from their communities.
   2. OAYI Participation Liability Waiver/Photo and Video Release; MRPC recognizes that the subject of opioid use and misuse can be a “triggering” topic for certain individuals. To legally protect MRPC in the unlikely and unfortunate event of an adverse reaction to an opioid-focused topic trigger, the organization devised the OAYI Participation Liability Waiver. MRPC will request waiver signatures for projects it directly facilitates. For any OAYI related projects that incorporate photos or videos, MRPC will request signatures for those identified individuals for their consent to use their photos and/or videos at MRPC’s discretion.
2. **Outstanding Project Deliverables**
   1. Too Good for Drugs; the project deliverable is under OJJDP approval review.
   2. Webinar: Trauma and Opioid Use Disorder; this webinar (pending OJJDP approval) is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM. Jane Johannsen will confirm the approval or disapproval of the webinar once it is received.
3. **Project Deliverables in the cue**

The following deliverables are to be submitted by the OAYI Project Coordinator to OJJDP for approval in a timely manner to ensure proper project implementation:

* 1. OAYI Website
  2. Operation Prevention
  3. Deliverables for Goal 2, Objective 2 Action Items from the Strategic Plan

**Final Strategic Plan:**  Jane Johannsen is to send the OJJDP-approved final version of the Strategic Plan for the Meramec Region’s Opioid Affected Youth Initiative. Ms. Johannsen stated the contents remained congruent with the draft version that was reviewed by the consortium in July. A notable edit that was made to the final plan was the list of consortium members; agencies that have multiple representatives that attend consortium members will/have only one delegate listed in the plan.

Ms. Johannsen reminded the consortium of the requested deadline of memorandum of understanding signatures and requested timely submissions for outstanding signatures.

**Next Steps for MRPC Project Staff:** Project staff will continue to submit project deliverables for review and approval that correspond to the Strategic Plan. Additionally, they will be in communication with the consortium on project implementation timeline, meeting frequency, and project tasks.

**Next Steps for the Consortium:** Jane Johannsen requested referrals for trainings the consortium would like to receive as it pertains to the OAYI project.

**Questions/Comments:** Jamie Myers and Laura Powell reminded the consortium of the November 16-17 Prevention Conference that will be held virtually. For more information about registration, email [jamie@preventionconsultants.org](mailto:jamie@preventionconsultants.org).

Dr. Sean Siebert invited interested members of the consortium to The Rolla Mission for the Meramec Region Rural Opioid Program’s Rehabilitation through Innovation meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Tentatively – Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM for the Trauma and OUD webinar, *pending OJJDP approval.*

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.