

Meramec Rural Opioid Program Consortium Meeting

June 30, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Meramec Regional Planning Commission – 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, Missouri

Zoom Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jamie Myers, Felisha Richards, Linda Kozlowski

**STAFF PRESENT:** Samantha Maddison, Anne Freand, Christa Harmon

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Samantha Maddison called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Introductions were not included as all attendees were familiar with each other.
2. **Approval of February 25, 2021, meeting minutes:** Samantha Maddison presented the February 25, 2021, meeting minutes to the consortium for approval. Linda Kozlowski moved to approve the minutes and Jamie Myers seconded. Motion approved.
3. **Staff Report:** Samantha updated the consortium that MRPC will be applying for a one-year extension for this project. Samantha explained to the consortium that no new items will be allowed in the work plan, but Samantha will be reaching out to consortium members soon to determine budgets for the remainder of the grant period.

Samantha also informed the consortium that MRPC is planning a two-day virtual workshop July 14 and 15, 2021. She showed the group the save the date and discussed the topics to be addressed. Samantha will send out the save the date when the meeting is over and encouraged members to send the invite to any employers who may find interest in the workshop.

1. **Seeking Safety Update:** Christa Harmon updated the group on the status of the Seeking Safety. Christa will begin in the Maries County Jail on July 8, 2021 and will last 10 weeks.
2. **Program Updates:** Members updated the group on their current efforts for the consortium and the progress they have made. Members also had the opportunity to discuss any upcoming events or opioid related programs they are working on. Members were encouraged to send any updates via email to be sent out to the entire consortium following this meeting.
   1. Your Community Health Center: Felisha informed the group that the Mobile unit is adding a week a month in August. There is now an LPC approximately 4 hours per month on the unit. Felisha also mentioned that YCHC will soon have OB & GYN services with Dr. Sonja Williams. Dr. Williams has an interest in mothers with SUD and is beginning a fellowship with SLU to begin working on mothers with SUD. YCHC is still continuing DOVID-19 testing in the office and providing vaccines as needed. Felisha also let the consortium know that they have applied for a one-year planning grant through HRSA for all five of the counties in their service area.
   2. Prevention Consultants: Jamie reported to the group that Prevention Consultants is recently completed Too Good for Drugs in Belle Elementary, Salem High School, and Rolla Junior High. Survey outcomes were very good when compared to the pre-surveys. Jamie informed the consortium that they have a new program titled “Generation Rx” which focuses on prescription misuse for both adults and teens. This training is designed to allow anyone to teach the program. Prevention Consultants is also willing to come to one’s place of business to teach the program.
   3. Phelps/Maries County Health Department: Linda reported that the number of COVID-19 cases are again on the rise and the health department is highly recommending vaccinations for everyone who is capable. They have Johnson and Johnson in house and can provide them without an appointment. If there are multiple individuals wanting a vaccine, the health department can come to their place of employment to provide the vaccinations. In September, Linda will be starting training for the Missouri Recovery Support Specialist (MRSS) certification. Linda will also begin CPR certification classes for those affected by SUD soon. The health department is also still providing Narcan to the community, most of the Narcan they provide has gone to first responders.
3. **Next Meetings:** Next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
4. **Adjourn:** Felisha Richards motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jamie Myers seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.