

Meramec Region's Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

Consortium Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES

Consortium Members Present: Charlotte Bellsmith (Osage County Anti-Drug Community Action Team), Jessica Butery (Crawford County Jail Correctional Nurse), T.R. Dudley (Great Mines Health Center), Jim Fleming (City of St. James), Christa Harmon (Missouri Department of Mental Health), Tina Hays (Southeast Missouri Behavioral Health), Mary Heywood (Mid-Ozark CASA), Teresa Norton (Citizen of the region), Felisha Richards (Your Community Health Center), Dr. Sean Siebert (Invent Yourself, LLC), Beverly Williams (Washington County Memorial Hospital)

Project Staff Present: Jane Johannsen, Rebecca Losing, Mark Perkins, Samantha Sherman

Welcome: Jane Johannsen welcomed everyone and began the January OAYI consortium meeting at 2:02 PM. Dr. Sean Siebert motioned to approve the December 2021 meeting minutes; Teresa Norton seconded. The consortium voted to approve the minutes, as submitted.

Partner and Community Updates:

1. Felisha Richards of Your Community Health Center updated the meeting attendees that the Mobile Unit was out of its regular service in Crawford and Dent counties for the use of on-site COVID-19 testing. YCHC was only offering COVID-19 testing to current patients and those associated with the Rolla School District. The date when the Mobile Unit will resume its regular operations was unknown at the time of the meeting. Ms. Richards advised the community to follow YCHC on social media for updates. Once the Mobile Unit resumes service, it will begin serving Salem. YCHC was continuing to provide Medicated Assisted Treatment services and open-access for new patients.
2. Charlotte Bellsmith of Osage County Anti-Drug Community Action Team informed the attendees that Too Good for Drugs is in all Linn schools, both public and private, in grades kindergarten through sixth. OC-ADCAT has seen the need for suicide prevention due to recent teenage suicides in the Linn area.

3. Christa Harmon of the Missouri Department of Mental Health informed the group that if their organization is a Department of Mental Health Recovery Support Specialist contract provider, DMH can provide COVID-19 and masks for organizational use.
4. T.R. Dudley of Great Mines Health Center informed everyone the GMHC was also short on supply of COVID-19 tests and was only providing tests to current patients. However, the Potosi Ambulance District was providing tests for the public. Great Mines Health Center was still offering COVID-19 vaccines and is encouraging the public to get vaccinated. Mr. Dudley also informed everyone that Farmington will be donating two shipping containers to serve as warming shelters for the unsheltered in the Potosi area. At the time of the meeting, there were 11 known individuals in need of a warming shelter.
5. Jane Johannsen informed every one of the COVID-19 related death of Marcus Maggard, who served on the Meramec Regional Planning Commission board for several years. His visitation and funeral were scheduled for January 14 and 15, 2022. Mrs. Johannsen requested that if anyone felt inclined to donate to his family, to contact Bonnie Prigge, MRPC Executive Director, for information.

Project Staff Updates (*updates provided by Jane Johannsen*):

1. Rebecca Losing returned to MRPC to continue her role as Community Development Assistant.
2. MRPC was accepting applications for an Assistant Community Development Specialist. This position would support MRPC's Rural Opioid Initiatives. Link for application instructions can be found here: <https://www.meramecregion.org/career-and-business-opportunities/jobs/>:

Project Updates:

1. Jane Johannsen shared the latest video for the OAYI project, "[Stories from Our Region – The Opioid Epidemic](#)," featuring Christa Harmon.
2. Seeking Safety – Jane Johannsen summarized that data from the July 1 – December 31, 2021, reporting period; with partnerships with the 25th Judicial Circuit's Intensive Case Management, the Rolla Public Library, and Osage County Anti-Drug Community Action Team, eight youth and four at-risk households completed the program requirements. Rebecca Losing is accepting youth referrals for a Spring 2022 session. Mark Perkins and Rebecca Losing will be facilitating Seeking Safety in the Rolla High School from January 31 through February 11, 2022.
3. Prevention Consultants of Missouri – Due to Jamie Myers' absence, Jane Johannsen summarized the Too Good for Drugs and Youth Prevention Program statuses. For the July 1 – December 31 reporting period, Too Good for Drugs served 446 students in the St. James, Rolla, and Belle School Districts. Prevention Consultants was actively editing the videos associated with the Youth Drug Prevention Program and will share updated project status during the February consortium meeting.

4. Invent Yourself LLC – Dr. Sean Siebert summarized Washington County’s “Breaking the Cycle” presentation that occurred December 10, 2021, at the Potosi High School Alternative Learning Center. Dr. Siebert is coordinating the next “Breaking the Cycle” presentation with the Vienna School District. Through MRPC’s HRSA Rural Opioid Program, Dr. Siebert facilitated another community conversation in the City of Cuba in December.
5. Jane Johannsen informed everyone the OJJDP biannual report for July 1 – December 31, 2021, will be submitted on or before January 28, 2022. The final report will be shared with the consortium.

Questions/Comments: Rebecca Losing informed the group of the March 8, 2022, “Recovery Day at the Capitol.” She encouraged everyone to read the Eventbrite and Facebook links. The OAYI project staff were assessing the possibility of hosting project participants at the event.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 2:00 PM. This meeting will include the Strategic Plan annual review.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.