



## Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis

### Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

**Mission:** To continually improve access to quality prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support services and programs for the Greater St. Louis Region.

Jordan Hampton called to order the regular meeting of the Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis at 10:00 am on 10/08/24. This meeting was hybrid.

Kimberly R took roll and the following persons were present: Jordan Hampton, Dr. Francis Onukwue, Maxwell Worthen, Zhuoran Zhang, Kate Goodwin, Eric Gentry, Julie Schenberg, Elecia Worley, Brett Buttry, Dawn Smith, Nick Zykan, Jim Willfred, Leslie Johnson, Chris Lane and "one signature I couldn't read." Online: Bishop Bracely, Todd Colley and Shaun C.

Jordan Hampton opened with prayer.

September meeting minutes were read. Dawn motioned to approve, Chris second the motion. None opposed. September Meeting minutes were approved as read.

#### Old Business:

Recovery Fest- Jordan asked if anyone was opposed to selling leftover shirts at future tabled events for a lower cost. No one was opposed. Jordan reported the Recovery Fest was a hit, feedback he received was very positive. Organizations felt very welcome, vendors appreciated the spotlights to talk about their organizations. Many felt it was a very laid back, family environment.

Dawn suggested using a stage or platform a bit removed from the vendors/food, so people can hear the speakers. Also, members felt more marketing was needed to promote the event. The group discussed partnering with other large events, like the event Jubilee Church hosts each year, in addition to Recovery Fest.

#### New Business

1. **Recovery Fest Location 2025:** Dr. Francis Onukwue suggested having it on Martin Luther King Drive, or outside CAFÉ or other organizations connected with RCGSTL. The "Black Wallstreet" area was mentioned, with the intention of creating "beautiful noise" and people coming around to hear what is going on. Chris and others felt Forest Park is a central, safe location for families and worried people would not attend in some areas. Jordan said none of these ideas are off the table. We can discuss further.

Eric suggested as an alternative, adding a Spring event to be held in different areas mentioned above (possibly a neighborhood event/resource fair) for outreach and resources in underserved/high overdose communities. The group then discussed having a Group Me for RCGSTL to share events, connect to services, etc. They would like to share upcoming events and have a sign-up sheet to work the RCGSTL table at events. Kim suggested creating a

“Proud Member of RCGSTL” sign (with a bar code linking to the RCGSTL website) for members to put on their organization tables at events to provide an alternative when a RCGSTL table isn’t possible.

2. Agency Spotlight- Hi-Tek Charities: If anyone is having an event, Hi-Tek can provide on-site services in St. Louis City/County!
3. RCGSTL December Conference, December 2025- if you know of a dynamic speaker, please let us know. We want to start planning this conference in January.
4. Board Re-elections (Parliamentarian, Chair, Chaplain)- Deadline to run is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Jordan will send out 4 questions to complete, then at November board meeting, each person will have a few minutes to speak. Notify Jordan by Nov 1 if you plan to run.

#### Lobby Priorities This Year

1. Additional Recovery Support Funds (HB to TBD)

Treasurer Report: Balance \$6,289.61 (paid \$750 on 10-3/24 for MCRSP membership dues)

#### Committee reports:

The group discussed several committee possibilities, including one for Recovery Fest, the Recovery Conference, a Spring event, and marketing/tabling/Group Me.

Kim suggested doing a strategic planning session to come up with a solid plan for what strategies the coalition would like to implement for 2025 and who would be responsible.

#### Updates:

-Clarity Health care at Dunnica Avenue is now seeing people- recently open, so patients can get in quickly, sliding scale

-SLU Behavioral Health Urgent Care (SLU Hospital on Grand)- bridging the gap to get medications until connected- injection clinic, crisis stabilization, resources, housing, peers, case managers. Walk-In 9-7 Mon-Sat.

-Hi-set Class openings at Hilljack House, contact Dawn

Chris said Recovery Capital STL is having Recovery Testimonials and Desserts- Sat. Oct 12 6-8:30 pm at Sana Lake Outpatient 140 Weldon Parkway Maryland Heights

#### Trainings and Events:

2024 MO Behavioral Health Conference- Branson Sept 11-13

Region 7 Peer Summit- KC Expo Center Oct 24-25

Archway Trivia Night- Liuna Event Center Nov 6-8

DOC Re-entry Conference- 4 Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks Nov 6-8

MCRSP SE Conference (Poplar Bluff)- Dec 7-8

Next Meeting- November 12, 2024

Jordan closed in prayer.

Jordan adjourned -minutes recorded by Kim R