



Recover Coalition of Greater St. Louis Meeting

June 11, 2024

Attendees: Kim Rodriguez, Zhuoran Zhang, Brandon Conn, Rosie Seiler, Elaine Holmes, Nick Maxwell, Jay Major, Marsha Hourd, Jordan Hampton, Tonya Hankins

Online Attendees: Sean Copeland, Freddy Mickel, Elecia, Quin Jones, Jerome Bracely

- Meeting opened at 11:06 am
- Opening prayer by Jay Major
- Jordan read mission
- Approval of May minutes

Marsha motioned to approve the minutes. Rosie seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Old Business

- RCGSTL tablecloth – will make its debut at Recovery Fest! VG Promotions donated the tablecloth to support the coalition’s mission.
- Adjusting time to 10:00 am – Tonya made a motion to begin the new 10 am coalition meeting time on August 13, 2024. Kim Rodriguez seconded. Motion passed. Jordan will update the meeting invite on Zoom meeting. Tonya will send out a reminder email in June and July to announce the meeting time change.

Constant Contact Newsletter – Tonya requested feedback for what to include in the Newsletters

Membership

New members – Brandon is an intern from WashU. Elaine from Queen of Peace was introduced.

New Business

1. ED search update – Top 5 selected and will have Zoom interviews this Friday. The top 3 will have in person interviews in Jefferson City with the MCRSP Task Force. The new ED for MCRSP will be announced at the August coalition meeting.
2. Recovery Fest Date: 9/14/24 @ Forest Park – 10-2pm

The planning committee will receive a meeting invite for next week. Availability?
Marsha volunteer to call Forest Park and reserve the time and date.

Tonya gave instructions on how to access the RCGSTL newsletter that was sent out on Sunday evening that contains a link to an email address to sign up for Recovery Fest Committee meetings.

Jay volunteered additional tables and tents for use at Recovery Fest.



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A question about funding for the food and what might be available was asked. Sean is going to follow up with Andy at MCRSP. \$1,500 is available for a mini grant through MCRSP for recovery community events.

Jordan spoke about "Hope Stories" from different organizations from the coalition

Vendors who are RCGSTL members do not have to pay for a table, but non-members will be charged \$120 – this would then be an incentive for non-members to join the Coalition because the fee for the table would also pay the RCGSTL membership fee.

3. Caitlin Ewing, Executive Director – The Althea Project – not present at meeting. Presentation will be postponed until later this year
4. Un-capped RSS billing until 6/15

For RSS providers, any funds that ran out from April until June 15, back vouchers will be issued.

5. Marsh Hourd – chair updates

Marsha reported that she does not know what the RSS budget is actually going to be for 2025 because the governor has not finalized the budget yet. MCRSP board will determine how to allocate the funds once the budget has been finalized. There has been an increase request from \$25.88 to \$44.57 per day. \$4.4M for the entire state of Missouri. MCRSP mission refocus from RSS housing to include RSS services and community recovery centers and respite housing to make sure we are all inclusive.

Restructuring the MCRSP board to perhaps include external board members to gain more credibility and an equal representation of community

The rate increase \$44.57 will go into effect July 1, 2024

6. Advocacy Committee – Tonya shared information regarding what the Advocacy mission will be. The committee will be formed to create a year-round strategy for advocacy at the state capitol. Elicia shared information about a comprehensive list for state representatives who would be excellent resources for advocacy.
7. New resource sharing –

Lobby Priorities this Year

1. Respite Funding Renewed – 2.5M
Respite housing has provided a critical need in the recovery housing space.

Treasurer Report-

Jordan reported a current balance of \$4,215.98. Jordan is going to talk to Marsha about



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Committee Reports

Hope Creates has an event 5/19 time change from 2-4 at the High Low Building – Contact Kathi Thomas for more information

DMH Spiring Training institute @ Lake of the Ozarks 5/17/-5/18

Announcements-

Advocacy Committee – Tonya announced that there was an email sent out on Sunday that contains information about the Advocacy and a link to sign up for emails for attending an interest meeting.

Kim reported the Project O has vendor/table spaces available at no charge for attendance. Care St. Louis Health has a sign-up available. There is a 5k and recovery event on August 3, 2024 from 7am – 10am. This is a great opportunity to promote RCGSTL and Recovery Fest 2024.

Freddy shared a flyer for the Lake of Dreams Family Recovery event. It is in Jerseyville, Illinois - 45 minutes from St. Louis. ACA, Alanon, AA speakers. Free food and fellowship. It is this weekend. They need 100 volunteers.

On July 13, there is a continuing series on the 11th step. Ice cream and cookie social. Freddy will send out a flyer to Tonya. It is a free event. Recovery Capital STL.

Prevent Ed is offering a Substance Use and Trauma hybrid training 11:30 – 1:00 on June 12, 2024. Prevent Ed has a Peer Specialist for St. Louis region.

In the Weeds campaign to educate parents on how to have conversations with their children about the legalization of marijuana.

Deterra bags are available for organizations to take. It is a disposable medication deactivation that can be thrown into the trash once it is used. Narcan is also available. If your organization needs either, contact Kim Rodriguez or PreventEd to make a request.

Closing Prayer – Jay

Next meeting – July 9, 2024

Meeting Adjourned – 12:28

Meeting minutes submitted by Tonya Hankins, RCGSTL Secretary