



## Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis

### Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

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

Jordan called to order the regular meeting of the Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis at 10:09 am on 11/12/24. This meeting was hybrid.

**Meeting Attendees:** Jordan Hampton, Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, 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 Online: Bishop Bracely, Joseph Yancey, Dr. Francis, Jim Wilfred, Felicia C., Elecia Worley, Dr. Johnson, Rosie Anderson-Harper, Recover Healthcare, and Tonya Hankins.

Dr. Marsha opened with prayer.

October meeting minutes were reviewed by Jodan Hampton. A motion to approve and a second was offered. None opposed. October Meeting minutes were approved as read.

#### **Old Business:**

Jordan announced election members for MCRSP. Marsha remains president of MCRSP board, Jordan remains the Parliamentarian, and Darla Bellflower was elected, uncontested, as the MCRSP secretary

**Agency Spotlight-** Rise Up: Serves women and children. Looking for a peer specialist. Self-pay only right now. Seeking additional funding through DMH. Program fees are \$750 per month. AA and NA meetings on site. Transportation provided to Celebrate Recovery. Recovery Support Services are provided.

A few new members were added to the Coalition.

Emil Moore from Troy Dream Center in Troy, Missouri, a faith-based men's recovery housing organization. Nine-month in-house recovery program.

#### **New Business:**

1. Recovery Fest location being determined for 2025. Looking to host at same location, but TBD
2. 2025 Spotlights – Jordan to send around a sign in sheet for 2025
3. Jordan mentioned that MCRSP had released a list of newly elected officials. Jordan will send out an email template to congratulate newly elected officials.
4. New RSS enrollments – right now, no new enrollments are being taken as no new funding is available. Rosie, director of recovery Support Services, spoke on limited amount of funding for

RSS services. The voucher system and SOR dollars are the two main funding sources. \$8 million allocated this fiscal year for the whole state of Missouri. DMH is working to make sure the funds are available throughout the fiscal year.

Diversify funding was highly encouraged: full reliance on DMH funding is not encouraged. Missouri currently has over 200 houses and over 2,000 beds.

For FY 2026, the governor is being asked for an additional \$6M for RSS budget line item. Rosie encouraged organizations to invite your elected officials to come see your recovery houses and to look at the infographic provided showing the excellent outcomes for those engaged in RSS services. There is a lot of good data collected in the GPRA because of the interventions provided by RSS.

5. Jordan mentioned the possibility of RCGSTL hosting a fund raiser in 2025. Feel free to send ideas to Jordan.

### **Updates:**

-Marsha spoke about the MCRSP board retreat. MCRSP voted to have an ad-hoc committee to help professionalize our services and education

Strategic plan committee was established at the retreat that will help clarify

Annual conference in Sikeston which is where the MCRSP board meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Conference will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Marsha mentioned that the new MCRSP Executive Director, Brendon Steenbergen, is leading well and that the coalition is growing by "leaps and bounds."

MCRSP is providing NARR support to Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, and Nebraska to help them learn how to become NARR accredited.

Jordan added that Get Help was previously being looked at for the electronic bed management system. One Step is now being reviewed for potential utilization through MCRSP RSS providers.

Multiple members who used different platforms gave feedback on Sobriety Hub, One Step, and Behave Health in terms of the features offered and the pros and cons of each.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance \$6,480.00

### **Board Election Candidates:**

Three candidates for the open Parliamentarian position:

**Dawn Smith** presented her response to the written questions.

**Kate Goodwin** presented her response to the written questions.

**Chris Lane** presented his response to the written questions.

Jordan Hampton presented his response to retain the position of RCGSTL board chair.

**Special Guest: MCRSP Housing Assistant, Brandon**

Brandon mentioned that NARR is working on applications. There are 232 active accredited houses. 2008 recovery beds in the state of Missouri.

**Announcements:**

Dawn mentioned an upcoming trivia night to benefit Hill Jack House

Marsha stated that contracted providers have available to them education and training dollars that would cover the cost of registration and travel.

One vote per organization for board positions

**Trainings and Events:**

Center for Life is next month's Spotlight

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

**Next Meeting-** November 12, 2024

Marsha closed in prayer.

Jordan adjourned at 11:37am

Meeting minutes recorded by Tonya Hankins