



## Recover Coalition of Greater St. Louis Meeting

Meeting opened at 11:08 am

Jordan read mission

Opening prayer by Jay Major

Approval of April minutes

Jay motioned to approve the minutes. Tonya seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

### **Old Business**

MCRSP had a board retreat focused on Leadership. Building teams was a focus. Clarity was provided regarding different types of leadership. Reviewed how to set up a framework for including and respecting each person's unique style of leadership.

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

### **Membership**

New members – quite a few new members. Freddy requested a Directory with names and numbers of each person attending the meetings.

### **New Business**

1. Maggie was not able to attend today's meeting, so the Agency Spotlight will be added next month. Caitlin will present next month.
2. RCGSTL tablecloth has arrived. The Coalition will be able to use the tablecloth at community events. The company that made the tablecloth has donated the tablecloth. A Thank You card was passed around.
3. RCGSTL sent out a poll to see if the meeting location, date or time, which resulted in a consensus for keeping the same location and date. The consensus was to move the meeting time to 10:00 am.
4. MCRSP Ed search is underway – 65 applications have been submitted. There's a scoring guide the MCRSP board is using to determine who the best candidate will be. George Norman is currently the interim ED until the new Executive Director has been selected.
5. Marsha shared that there will be a rate increase for recovery housing beds and RSS services but will report later what the specific dollar amounts will be. There was a budget increase of 1.8 million that has been promised but not yet finalized.
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 –



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### **Special Guests: Andy Thomas**

– As of April, over 2,000 recovery housing beds across the state

120 men 97 women

32 men, 28 women beds in eastern region; 795 beds

Andy has been the critical part of recovery housing accreditation for years. Huge shout out to Andy for his commitment to the state. Great job, Andy! We appreciate your level of service to our work!

MCRSP looking to get another employee to help Andy with accrediting recovery houses.

Marsha shared there's a meeting tomorrow with SAMHSA to identify a community of vacant properties to collaborate with construction companies to renovate houses for longer term housing. HUD and economic development funding sources through DMH have some interest in learning how we can use available funding to initiate projects of this nature.

### **Treasurer Report-**

\$4,164. 74 account balance

MCRSP has \$1500 mini grants for community events

### **Various Training and events –**

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

### **Announcement-**

June 15<sup>th</sup> Lake of Dreams big annual community event. Free to all. Speakers, lunch, events for kids. Contact Freddy Merkle for more information. Volunteers needed. Signed waivers are required. Please register in advance.

### **Closing Prayer – Jay**

### **Next meeting – June 11, 2024**

Meeting Adjourned – 12:28

Meeting minutes submitted by Tonya Hankins