



Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

Meeting began 10:11am

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

Attendees: Jordan Hampton, Marsha Hourd, Kim Rodriguez, Maggie Burke, Tonya Hankins, Elecia Worley, Allison Givens, Brendon Steenbergen, Dawn Smith, Lorna Vaughn, Shau Copeland, Todd Colley, Zhuoran Zhang, Julie Schenberg, Maxwell Worthen, Chris Lane, Katie Carpenter, Nicholas Zylan, Graci, Brett Buttry, Dishop, Caitlin Ewing, Callan Montgomery, Ericson Smith, Dr. Francis, Erica Baily

Opening Prayer- Marsha

Attendee Introductions

July meeting minutes were read. Jordan motioned to approve. Marsha second the motion. None opposed. July Meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

- ED Search - New Executive Director was announced - Brendon Steenbergen introduced himself
- U-MATr App by Washington University. Wash-U has been working on the recovery app that they have been developing since 2017. Jordan encouraged everyone to check out the app. Kim mentioned that they are willing to go anywhere.

New Members -

Dawn Smith from Hill Jack House was introduced and expressed that she is happy to be joining the coalition.

Dr. Francis and Lauren from High-Tech Charities was new in-person

New Business

1. ED Introduction
2. Recovery Fest Date: 9/14/24 @ Forest Park - 10 am - 2 pm
 - a. Next Meeting on 8/20, weekly meetings from there on
 - b. Updates *TReport --Shirts, Banner, RH W to make signs



T-Shirts have been designed and ordered. T-Shirts will be for sale at Recovery Fest and 2 t-shirts per coalition membership will be given away.

The banner is being designed. Elecia mentioned the size of the banner and that it will include the RCGSTL logo and the logos of Event Sponsors.

Yard signs will be created for the event.

Tonya will be adding a Sponsorship Ticket on the RCGSTL website.

Kathy Thomas from Hope Creates will have a percussion presentation for Recovery Fest

- c. Need Help with outreaching potential sponsors (Cutoff 8/26)
- d. Success Stories from various organizations
Jordan mentioned that the Hope Stories are needed to present throughout the event. See Jordan if you or your organization has participants who are willing to share personal recovery success stories at the event.

Marsha asked if Narcan training will be provided at Recovery Fest. This option is being explored. OEND was approached to see if they can facilitate the training.

3. Agency Spotlight - Perennial!

Allison and Katie (ED) started in 2012 as an arts and sustainability nonprofit. "An artist on a bike" in the beginning. Mission is about resourcefulness. Jenny founded the organization on sustainable reuse of materials for use of art and expression. Woodworking, natural dyes, book binding, mosaic, home repair.

Since its beginning the program has expanded to partner with other organizations to work with formerly incarcerated and SUD clients. Works mostly with St. Louis locations. They are on the bus line. Looking to expand the coalition and alumni programs. No art skill necessary to participate in the program.

Program provides space Recreate Studio Classes on Sunday afternoons 1-4pm (3 Sundays per month) for workshops. Currently working with women who are making jewelry with the intention to sell it. There is an application required to be admitted into the drop-in support program. Anyone interested in the program can email or visit the website. **perennialstl.org** <https://perennialstl.org/>

Katie invited anyone from the Coalition to stop by the workshop anytime.



Agency Spotlight - ARCA Housing - Tabled until another time

Jordan announced the RSS Cap changing from \$2,000 to \$6,000. Improved amount of time residents can be in housing. Marsha mentioned that the rate will be evaluated at the end of the quarter to see if they need to be adjusted. Third week of September the MCRSP board will determine if a change in the cap is needed. Participants who have been here since June will be included in the July 1st billing increase.

Marsha Hourd - Chair Updates/Funding updates

Marsha announced a new housing assistant at MCRSP to help Andy Thomas with NARR housing accreditations. Brendon will be "jumping right in" with regional site visits and conferences.

MCRSP gained a contract to provide NARR accreditation for Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas.

Training dollars need to be spent by September. First Annual Peer Summit on 10/24-25, 2024. Eastern Region can possibly pay for the registration fees for the Peer Summit

MCRSP Board will be having a full board retreat in September to review the MCRSP strategic plan.

SAMHSA's theme for 2024 is ARCA Recovery

Lobby Priorities This Year

1. Respite Funding Renewed - 2.5 M
2. Additional Recovery Support Funds (HB to TBD)

Treasurer Report-

Maggie Burke - \$4,234.80

Committee Reports –

INTERNAL GROUP:

RecoveryFest Committee - Bishop will be starting the grill up at 10 am and has volunteered to bbq the food for the event.

Jordan mentioned that our finances are stable and much better than they were last year, thanks to Wash-U and Recovet for their donations and support!!!

Hi-TEch charities will donate \$500 to the Integrative Mobile Clinic in the community to provide psychiatrist and physicians to bring to the Recovery Fest they can bring to the event.



EXTERNAL GROUP:

Legislative/Advocacy Committee - Tonya was added to the State Advocacy Board to help facilitate the legislative efforts in the Eastern Region and throughout the state.

Dawn - \$12 per plate. Water balloon fight, kid-friendly, face painting. News two more teams for kickball 11:00 am Kickball starts off. August 24, Deer Creek Park. Everyone come threaten Jordan's trophy.

St. Louis Crush is looking for two more kickball players.

Special Guest: MCRSP, Andy Thomas, MCRSP Housing Director, Jesse Crum, DMH

Various Training and Events - Many training opportunities on the FYI Fridays documents

2024 Missouri Behavioral Health Conference - Branson, MO September 11-13th

Regional (Region 7) Peer Summit - Kansas City Expo Center - October 24-25th

MCRSP SE Conference (Poplar Bluff) - December 5th and 6th

Announcements -

Kim is in need of organization's flyers and merchandise to include on RCGSTL booths at community events.

International Overdose Awareness

August 31st at Concordia

Erica from Centerpointe Hospital introduced herself and mentioned she's eager to join any community events

Prayer – Marsha

Next Meeting- September 10th, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 11:32am

Meeting Minutes recorded by Tonya Hankins