**Opioid Affected Youth Initiative**

**Meeting Summary**

**March 10, 2020**

**Members Present:** Dan Adams (SEMO Behavioral Health), Shyanne Anthony (Great Circle), Mickey Bowles (JO, 25th Cir.), Jeremy Brown (JO, 25th Cir.), Jessica Butrey (ACH), Mark Calvert (Phelps Judge), Chris Cook (Hope Connections Counseling), Cyndi D’Onofrio (JO, Gasconade), Heather Durbin (Kids’ Harbor), Jim Fleming (City of St. James), Mary Heywood (Mid-Ozark CASA), Scott John (Maries Sheriff Dept.), Linda Kozlowski (Phelps/Maries Counties Health Depts.), Laura Kriebs (GAL, 25th Cir.), Melissa McEachern (Russell House), Adam Meyer (Rolla PD), Jamie Myers (Prevention Consultants of MO), Haylee Platt (MBSH), Lynne Reed (Newburg RII), Felisha Richards (YCHC), Elizabeth Satterfield (Children’s Div. 25th Cir.), Mike Sherman (Steelville PD), Sean Siebert (Invent Yourself, LLC), Kelsey Ybarra (Phelps Probation and Parole)

**MRPC Staff Present:**  Anne Freand, Jane Johannsen, Rebecca Losing, Samantha Maddison, Mark Perkins, Bonnie Prigge

**Welcome:** Jane Johannsen, Project Coordinator, welcomed attendees at 2:30 pm.

**February 21, 2020 Meeting Summary:** Members were given a printed copy of the 022120 Meeting Summary. A note was made of the correct grant award amount and reminder to those who were not present, or did not fill/return the post meeting survey (attached below), to do so by the end of the March 10th meeting.

**Opioid Affected Youth Initiative S.W.O.T. Analysis:**  Members are to develop a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and to prioritize the project’s opportunities for the greatest impact. Technique instruction, prompt questions, and resources from the February 21st meeting were given. The members conducted the strengths and weaknesses portion of the analysis. Completion of the analysis is planned for the April 23, 2020 meeting.

**Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Strengths and Weaknesses Priorities:** Members prioritized the region’s top three strengths as: prevention programs; drug courts; and collaboration teams, interagency collaboration. They prioritized the region’s top three weaknesses as: need for trauma informed individuals, lack of knowledge, generational trauma, identified trauma, method of healing; lack of local activities, positive distractions; and grant/project long term financial stability and sustainability.

In addition to the top three strengths and weaknesses, other items included in the OAYI’s priority lists, in order of greatest to least priority, include:

**Strengths:**

* Prevention programs
* Drug Courts
* Collaboration teams, interagency collaboration
* Faith-based organizations
* Decrease in social taboo and stigma
* School Resource Officers, “Watch Dogs”
* Rural community and familiarity
* CASA, Family Court improvements
* (Tied in priority) Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Rolla, Richland and Potosi; Lower cost options to treatment; Educators’ positive relationships with students
* (Tied in priority) School-based systems; Prevention coalitions; Compass Health – capabilities and region reach; Access to federal funds
* (Tied in priority) CIT in Phelps, Dent and Crawford; Juvenile Court teams
* System of Care in Gasconade, Osage and Phelps

**Weaknesses:**

* Need for trauma informed individuals, lack of knowledge, generational trauma, identified trauma, method of healing
* Lack of local activities, positive distractions
* Grant/project long term financial stability and sustainability
* Workforce shortage
* Lack of licensed, clinical counselors in schools
* (Tied in priority) Family support systems for working parents; Transitional, sober living facilities availabilities, and lack of basic life skills preparation
* Community participation from parents
* Substance use prevention programs (increase in misuse amongst 19-23 y/o)
* (Tied in priority) Lack of MAT providers; Lack of immediate, affordable, accessible services; Economic, poverty disadvantages/lack of resources; Lack of counselors, psychiatric and drug evaluations
* (Tied in priority) Lack of awareness campaigns for youth; Lack of primary care providers; Difficulty adding programs to a school day
* (Tied in priority) Lack of life plans for post high school; Lack of youth-focused in-patient programs

**Travel Reimbursement:** Members were given the OAYI Travel Reimbursement Form (attached below) for those who are able to receive reimbursement funds from the Department of Justice. Travel reimbursements will follow the federal rate of $0.575/mile. MRPC will validate miles based on distance from attendee’s business address to 4 Industrial Drive, St. James. Reimbursements will not be issued to multiple persons representing the same agency who carpooled to and from OAYI meetings. OAYI consortium members are responsible for the accuracy and return of the forms to MRPC before the end of the planning phase (October 2020).

**Memorandum of Understanding:** Members were given the OAYI Memorandum of Understanding (attached below) for those who are able to commit to the OAYI project. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities, timeline and commitment to partnership for the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative. Those who are able to commit to the project were asked for an authorized signature and return of the MOU to MRPC by the April 23rd meeting.

**Next OAYI Meeting:** April 23, 2020, 2:00 pm

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



**Post Meeting Survey**

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1. **Are you your agency’s main point of contact in this consortium?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If no, who will be your agency’s main point of contact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Do you have working knowledge of regional opioid-related data?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If so, are you willing to share that information? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Are you able to refer MRPC to prospective youth participants?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
2. **If funding is available, by the Dept. of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is your agency able to receive meeting travel/time reimbursements?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
3. **What is your motivation to participate in the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative?**

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1. **Are you interested in a leadership role in this project? Why?**

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1. **Which agencies can you refer to fill gaps in representation?**

**Memorandum of Understanding (part I)**

WHEREAS, Meramec Regional Planning Commission, regional law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, probation, courts, social services, health care, mental health, education and prevention organizations have come together to make a collaborative for the DOJ/OJJDP: Opioid Affected Youth Initiative award; and

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Meramec Regional Planning Commission will be the lead agency and named awardee and the other agencies will be partners in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the initiative planned and implemented by the collaborative through its partners is to be completed during the award period of October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2022;

***I) Roles and Responsibilities***

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners as follows:

* *Each agency agrees to focus primarily on education, prevention, coordination of services, and intervention support strategies to reduce the negative outcomes for children, youth and their families impacted by the opioid crisis.*
* *The partners agree to provide resources to the project either through time, in-kind contribution, project staff, training, and access to community resources, as this DOJ grant provides, and as they may leverage through other resources.*
* *The partners will demonstrate a commitment to work together to achieve stated project goals and to sustain the project to the best of their ability when grant ends.*

***II) Timeline***

Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the grant period, 10/1/2019 through 09/30/2022.

***III) Commitment to Partnership***

1. The collaboration service area includes the counties of Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington in the state of Missouri.
2. The partners agree to collaborate and provide evidence-based strategies and community resources to the children, youth, and their families impacted by the opioid crisis pursuant to the program narrative of the DOJ/OJJDP: Opioid Affected Youth Initiative grant award attached to this agreement.
3. Compensation for the partners’ contribution to this project will be determined on a case by case basis, as allowed by grant and implementation plan.
4. The undersigned have read and agree with the MOU.

**Memorandum of Understanding (part II)**

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director, Meramec Regional Planning Commission

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**Consortium Travel Reimbursement Request**

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**For any questions regarding request or payment, please contact Jane Johannsen:**

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