SI SUPRT Meeting Minutes
Saline-Gallatin County
October 7, 2026 noon-1:00 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance:

Chris Dennis, EHD
Danielle Camp, EHD
Kiesha Fromm, EHD
Katie Unthank, EHD
Mark Elliott, Wayne Co. Health Department
Kayla Stewart, SIRAC
Heather Horton, By His Grace
Bev Holland, Region 5
Kindra York, EHD
Drew Donelson, EHD
Kimberly Scott-Pilkington, EHD
Theresa Oxford, EHD
Morgan Doggett, Ferrell Hospital
Katie Duvall, Ferrell Hospital
Elizabeth Cook, EHD
Sharron Orrick, EHD

Standing Coalition Business:

- Minutes from the September meeting were approved unanimously with a motion made by Kiesha Fromm. Kindra York seconded the motion.

New and Standing Coalition Reports:

- New members were introduced to the council:
  Katie Duvall with Ferrell Hospital
  Heather Horton with "By His Grace"
  Kayla Stewart with SIRAC

- Katie Duvall (Ferrell Hospital) spoke on behalf of the Delta Regional grant coalition being formed.They have been meeting for the past 6 months, working on several projects. They are working to combine action teams and resources in hopes of creating a bigger impact. The main goal of the action team is to fulfill community needs, develop work teams, raise funding, and continue to add resources. The council members agreed that combining efforts of all coalitions would be beneficial.

- Kayla Stewart (SIRAC) discussed their hope to find a facility to host "sober events and activities." Their goal is that they can acquire a building that will include a large community room to be used daily, not just for events. Unfortunately, high costs have prevented them from acquiring such a building, to date. They are also aware of the staffing they would require to sustain such a facility. There is a large need for those in recovery to have support from their peers, and access to a safe place that is available seven days a week. It was suggested that "work groups" be formed to renovate an existing building that could be used for this purpose.

- Kiesha Fromm (EHD) updated the council on progress at Via Dolorosa. She said the new sprinkler system was approved and it is now up to code. Construction is set to resume soon. Though they do not have a specific time line, they are hoping to open the door in the next 3-5 months.

- Kindra York (EHD) shared that there will be a Recovery Event in McLeansboro this Saturday (October 17th) from 11:00-3:00 p.m. The event will host vendors, free food, a band, give aways, and speakers and will be held at the fair grounds. Are all welcome to attend this free event.

- Chris Dennis (EHD) spoke on the Community Survey. This yearly survey is conducted to measure the perception of substance abuse, resources that may need more focus, and stigma attached to substance use. There have been a few changes in the survey questions from last year. The council focused on how to best distribute these surveys into the community so that it reaches all demographics. The survey will be shared on social media, as well as having paper copies available. It is the council's hope that we can double our numbers of completed surveys from last year.

- Chris Dennis also spoke briefly on the FY27 strategic plan. There was an open discussion among the council members in regards to the adjustments to be made. Improving awareness, MAR use, recovery housing, as well as short/long term goals.

- Drew Donelson (EHD) gave the following numbers for the month of September:
    - 1,899 Naloxone kits distributed
    - 455 individuals trained in the use of Naloxone
    - Drew added that team members attended the State Fair for 6 days and distributed 821 kits during that time. It was noted that this number was substantially lower than previous years, but attendance was lower this year due to the extremely high temperatures.

- Lynda Wright (Sister Rise) announced that her agency was the recipient of the “Saluki’s Empowerment Group” Award. The council congratulated her on their success.

- Kiesha Fromm (EHD) informed the council that she will soon be leaving EHD to accept a position with TASC. The council graciously thanked her for her dedication to the department, and agreed she will be missed. We all wish her well.

- Motion was made by Drew Donelson to adjourn this meeting, with Katie Unthank seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 4th at noon via Zoom.