



## Community Solutions for Substance Use and Recovery (CSSUR) Agenda/Notes

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 – 4:30 pm – WebEx

*We begin each meeting with a moment of silence to honor all of the people we have lost to deaths of despair (suicide, drug overdose, and alcoholism), all of those currently struggling with Behavioral Health (Substance Use Disorder, Mental Illness), those who are bravely walking the recovery path, and all the families, friends, community members, and supports impacted.*

### AGENDA

- Everyone is muted if you have something to share use the chat function and we will call on you. Please feel free to put your name and the organization you represent or role you play in the community to introduce yourself.
- CG from Aunt Bertha

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Demonstration provided of this new platform, which is a way to connect with resources. This is an online database/directory of free or reduced cost services. <https://mnbcbs.auntbertha.com/>

- Essentia Health, Resourceful (Aunt Bertha) – Kelly Black
  - Using this platform to connect patients to resources

<https://www.weareresourceful.org/> - trainings and events listed on the site

- St. Louis County updates
  - Paramedic Co-responder – RN instead of MHP HDC has hired an RN for this position, will be starting soon. Will work with the Fire Department
    - CADT hiring position that is embedded with DPD-to be announced
  - COSAAP grant (RAD/County collaboration) – Jenny Swanson/Beth Elstad
    - Jenny Swanson update-SLC jail, RAD DFMC and HDC. Make sure that people within jail get MAT, Peer Recovery, and Hot Hand Off. All positions have been hired and the work is starting.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> COSSAP with Task Force-tracking non-fatal overdose. LSDVCTF hire an additional Peer Recovery Specialist and LADC to do assessments. Pre Arrest Diversion Program-complete intake with Jess and agree to R25. Hiring another Peer Specialist in the fall.

- Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD) Updates
  - Community Events (Success)
    - Arrowhead Emergency EMS partnership along with Essential and St. Luke's. Starting Inductions in the hospitals
    - Offering paid internships (for dislocated workers due to OUD) goal is to get people trained and get hands on experience
    - Safe Babies court-working with 15 individuals providing peer recovery support
    - Working with CFS (families and parents)
    - Hygiene and food deliveries continue-may change as weather changes
    - Community events have had 500 people in attendance- North and South

- Harm Reduction Strategy: Add safe injection site option(s) in SLC – Beth Elstad [See attached slides](#)

- Website/webpage for CSSUR <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/cssur>

**CSSUR Workgroups** (Please invite people to join the groups and if you are in CSSUR this is an action oriented group and we hope that everyone will engage in at least one group):

- Community Awareness Workgroup (Jake, NuWay): meets the third Friday of the month at 11am
  - CSSUR Logo Poll
    - Logo
    - Clear messaging to engage the community
    - [jake.lewis@nuway.org](mailto:jake.lewis@nuway.org)
- Recovery Workgroup (Julie Vena and Beth Elstad, RAD): BETH will share dates/times
  - Every other Wed at 1
  - April 21 at 1pm next meeting
  - Growing the group and collecting recovery resources
  - Working on a Website through RAD
  - June 5 Summer Kick Off
- Policy Workgroup (Stephany, St. Louis County Public Health): 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9am (NEED a new facilitator, Stephany is moving out-of-state)
  - If you haven't already, PLEASE take our coalition assessment. We would like everyone to take this assessment so that we know if there are any gaps in representation in our group. It will only take a few minutes. Thank you! <https://forms.gle/xVT89nXVwndAQ3Sk6>
  - City of Duluth grant focused on workforce training for people affected for people affected by OUD
  - Looking at background screenings, why? What are best practices that employers can implement
- Opioid Workgroup (Rachel Wickstrom, CADT) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (May 20 2:30-4p; July 8 2:30-4p; September 16 2:30-4p; November 18 2:30-4p)
  - Trends re: Opioid Overdoses from Lt. Kazel-will give update in July CSSUR meeting
  - Discussion on outreach campaigns

- Reducing stigma
- RAAN brought info about safe injection sites, needle exchange
- Resource map of supportive facilities
- How do we connect people to services
- How do we move forward with education for families, providers, communities
- Other organization updates

Recovery Oriented System of Care: (Beth Elstad)-improving recovery services across the state-a collaboration across the state.

Deidra Hawkins of Yale University will be working with the group to come back to communities to engage in equity/racial equity recovery system of care. More info to come

Jake from NUWAY-April 30-May 2nd in Duluth **see attached flier**

Safety training/de-escalation available

Essentia 24/7 appointment line: **see attached flier**

**Next meeting:** On-going meetings will be quarterly (July 15, October 21, January 20) the third Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:30 pm. You will receive a new calendar invite for our on-going meetings 2021-January 2022.