

Community Solutions for Substance Use and Recovery (CSSUR) Agenda

Thursday, October 15th, 2020 – 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'll call on you.

- John Magnuson Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH): overview of MARRCH and legislative updates

Oct 26-28 MARRCH Virtual conference

Legislature: Bonding Bill passed 64-3

Special Sessions re: Peacetime Emergency

Telehealth: what will DHS keep in place and what needs legislative action

1115Waver-rate increase, ASAM standards; working with Direct Access

Dual track/Parallel Process

Can expect cuts due to COVID but it is a detrimental time to make cuts when we need to ensure up our workforce

- St. Louis County updates
 - Safe Babies Court Team
 - CP Opioid Fund Update
 - Community Paramedic/Co-response
 - Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) MAT expansion at CADT
CADT is expanding its OBOT (Office based Opioid Treatment) program from 100 to 200 patients. If you have anyone in a crisis situation - they can get same day appointments 24/7. Just call Tina Silverness at (715) 817-6314.
- Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD) Updates

Received Innovation Grant funds to expand into North SLC

New Peer Recovery Training coming soon (flier to come)

Recovery month was a success!

- Community Awareness Workgroup (Jake Lewis)

Working on a Logo for the group

Social Media presence

Hope is to have events year round to promote recovery

- Recovery Workgroup (Julie Vena)

Working to reduce stigma, increase connection and outreach

Increase events year round

Community advocacy, advocacy and resources

Building the recovery community

- Policy Workgroup (Stephany)

The CSSUR Policy and Alignment workgroup will enhance policies, systems, and environmental changes both internally as a coalition and externally within our community. Our workgroup will focus on policy changes that follow our mission to reduce harm, increase safety, and support recovery through community-based solutions for those impacted by substance use.

Our work will also examine the substance use disorder continuum of care. We will identify gaps in the system and assess where changes could be made to more effectively serve our fellow community members.

How do we look at equity and inclusion?

- Opioid Workgroup – needs a facilitator and members

We have found a facilitator! Thank you to Rachel Wickstrom for facilitating this group-Rachel has the names and contact information for those who have expressed interest in joining-stay tuned for meeting info and invites

- **DIRECT ACCESS UPDATE:** We are working on getting a representative from DHS to join us for our next meeting to discuss updates and answer questions. SLC continues to work on getting our flow/protocols set up during the parallel process and we encourage providers to reach out to the SLC SUD Unit with questions. boltone@stlouiscountymn.gov

- Further information can be found through DHS
https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/direct-access-update_tcm1053-448670.pdf

<https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/alcohol-drug-other-addictions/>

Next meeting: On-going meetings will be quarterly (January 21 April 15, July 15) the third Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:30 pm. You will receive a new calendar invite for our on-going meetings 2020-2021.