



## February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting began with a welcome to all by Janice Rushing. Participants were asked to put their name and contact information in the chat. Everyone was asked to please mute their audio until the question and answer time or to make an announcement at the end of the meeting. There were 41 people in attendance.

### **Guest Speaker**

Andree Swanson, U.S. Department of Justice, DEA provided an overview of the With You STL website ([withyoustl.dea.gov](http://withyoustl.dea.gov)) for the Metropolitan St. Louis region. Key points:

- COVID-19 highlighted and emphasized the need for a website with resources
- Funding for the website came from funding that was attributed to other areas which were impacted by the pandemic
- With You STL began in May 2020

The website has resources for substance use/misuse, treatment, prevention and food access.

### **General Business:**

Nominations are open for the Executive Committee positions of Corresponding Secretary and Vice Chair. The elections will be March 2021. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please contact a current Executive Committee member.

### **Workgroups:**

#### **Education and Prevention**

- Education and Prevention workgroup is co-chaired by Kristin Grant and LaKendra Moffett. The workgroup is working on an assessment. Kristin asked everyone attending the meeting to visit the Partnership Facebook page. If you are interested in the education and prevention work group, please contact Kristin at [kmgrant@chestnut.org](mailto:kmgrant@chestnut.org) and let her know.

#### **MERC (formerly Recovery and Treatment)**

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 9:00. The workgroup members are working on finding a chair or co-chairs. The February meeting discussion focused on the need for warming shelters. Please reach out to Karen Tilashalski if you are interested in this workgroup at [ktilashalski@chestnut.org](mailto:ktilashalski@chestnut.org)

#### **Law Enforcement**

- **Law Enforcement** workgroup will continue to meet virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17 at noon. Kelly Rogers and Chris Singleton are currently coordinating the meetings. The next DEA Take Back Day will be April 24. Any law enforcement organization who is interested in partnering with DEA please contact Brian Hudson at 751-362-7534. Please reach out to Karen Tilashalski if you are interested in this workgroup at [ktilashalski@chestnut.org](mailto:ktilashalski@chestnut.org)

### **Announcements**

- Centerstone is offering a six week training for care givers. The training begins the end of March with registration due March 10.
- Chestnut Health Systems has two open positions.



- Rodney Strong, CenterPoint Hospital has a program focused on veterans-Healing for Heroes.
- DEA Take Back Day will be April 24. New law enforcement partners are invited. Please contact Brian Hudson at 571-362-7534.

#### Reminders

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The presentation topic will be the Stigma of Language. The meetings will be virtual until further notice.** If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at [denise.strehlow@bjc.org](mailto:denise.strehlow@bjc.org) or 314-580-3767.