

## **Meeting Minutes: Strategic Planning Work Group**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:30am – 12pm

Note Taker: Alyssa Cline Spencer

**\*\*Note Taker for next meeting Alyssa Cline Spencer**

**\*\*Send notes to Lainie Ward by end of week after the meeting to be added to website**

### **Goals of Strategic Planning Work Group:**

- 1. Plan & implement mission driven activities throughout 2026**
- 2. Explore potential benefits of a data sub-committee and collect data by December**
- 3. Explore how to increase longevity of active and engaged members & overall membership benefits**

### **Next Time:**

- **Review goals & objectives**
- **Begin planning meet & greet**

**Meeting Location Options:** Riverbend Family Ministries worked really well for June – continue meeting there over IDOT

### **Future Meeting Plans:**

- **July Partnership Meeting:** July 28<sup>th</sup> via zoom – created by Carson
  - **Welcome & Introductions**
  - **Workgroup updates**
  - **Member of Executive committee to present Data**
  - **Presentation by Chestnut – Geriatric Psych Program**
    - Panel Discussion
  - **Open Discussion:** reaching this population
- **August Partnership Meeting:** August 25<sup>th</sup> via zoom
  - Drug Court Presentation
    - Mike Wilkinson – Deputy Chief over problem solving courts
    - Brent Cummins & potentially a graduate of the program also presenting
      - Kenlea setting up
      - What could the partnership do to make the problem-solving courts more affective – de-stigmatizing, etc.?

- **September Partnership Meeting:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> via zoom
  - **Housing & Shelter Needs**
  - **Shelter process & protocol**
    - What's the hotline
    - What are the policies and procedures for getting into a shelter
    - Alyssa create presentations and guide for contacting shelters
      - Identify the different “types of homelessness”
        - Chronic, hidden doubled up, transitional, episodic
      - Emily Piper with IDHS –Valerie to share contact information
  - **Chestnut Housing Platform**
  - **Provide overview of homeless count/census**
  - Ask Data sub-committee to put together survey for afterwards to discuss overall housing needs for future topics that are more thorough
  
- **October Partnership Meeting:** October 27<sup>th</sup> in person at Riverbend Family Ministries
  - **Members only & elections 9am – 10am, Meeting: 10am – 11:30am**
  - **Youth Services – need presenter?**
    - **What is the problem, why is it a problem?**
    - **Illinois Youth Survey data**
    - **Identifying substance use services for youth & lack of recovery services oriented for youth**
      - Struggles with adults justifying behaviors
        - How to identify barriers with adults & communicate those issues
      - What can the partnership do to support this issue and work through it?
        - How can a parenting education event be set-up?
    - **Emoji meanings – DEA has emoji codes**
      - **Interactive game** –trivia or family feud style by tables
  
- **December Partnership Meeting**
  - Meet & Greet, looking at Edwardsville YMCA as a potentially larger meeting space (Greg checking on space)

**Future Topics:**

- **Legislative updates** – someone reach out to legislators to share information
  - Medicaid/Medicare updates
- **HMIS** – how the system works, what agencies can put clients on the list for housing support
- **Substance Use Housing/Oxford Houses** – ask Dustin Piercy about presenting/sharing information
- **Mental Health Housing**
- **Membership Benefits** – Host meetings for CEU's??
- **Parent Education Event/Tour**