**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL ARE NETWORK 2**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date: September 3, 2024**

**Present:** Rachel W., Lynn Penrod, Patience McKnight, Heather Austin, Jodi Stafford, Hannah Jude, Krystle Yarber, Stacia Penrod, Janice Crow, Holly Kotner, Kristy Wood, Jason Robershaw, Linnea Hodge, Sue Thom, Jessica Palazzolo, Tomara Wells, Lauren Janssen, Tonya Hardy, Lindsay Schroeder, Rachel Chruszczyk, Megan Johnson, Julian Anderson, Joyce Schlag, Mary Jo Agin, Kristin Gharst, Misty Eftink, Tonya Taylor, Vickie Rose, Janice Crow, Adrienne Brown

**Welcome/Introductions:** Jason Robershaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Approval of Date Meeting Minutes:** Jason Robershaw made motion to approve last month’s meeting minute and Stacia Penrod seconded it. All Aye.

**Updates:**

* Lynn P. with Harrisburg Schools
  + Have gathered money for some families for clothing. Issues with Head lice, work with families with disabilities. Always will have a need for financial services, transportation, beds, clothing. Jodi Doing great with contacting families.
* Tonya T. No cell phone rule has been received well @ Eldorado Schools. Still seeing kids moving/homeless. They get located or moved with family members or family friends. There is not enough people to meet these needs for the kids. We used some of the homeless money for a family with lice and bedbugs to help pay for treatment.
* Joyce Schlag From Spero Family services & we offer wrap around program in 36 counties. They would come in and help with theses situations. Must have DCFS involvement. Have a program with no DCFS program, but they are only in Marion, Fayette & Richmond Counties
* Heather Austin with Center for Independent Living - We had a significant cut for the homeless program. DHS gave a significant cut; we can only go do **eviction prevent**. Only serving those with disabilities, that are in the midst of being evicted, but still have an income, but can no longer provide furnishings or housing development.
* Jessica P. with Lincoln Prairie - FREE CEU Event - **Anatomy of Stress & Trauma Nervous System. September 18, @ 10am Free CEU. Virtual**
* Rachel C. with Prevent Child Abuse - Poverty Stimulation @ John A Logan College. This is a free event and CEU’s are available. Need volunteers, currently @ 17, need 24 volunteers **October 23, 1-4**
* Laura Miller is trained in Triple P Parenting and will be starting an in-person parenting group, **Sept. 9th, 8 week 830-9 every other week.** Email: laura.miller@egyptian.org, 618-378-7311 Ext 2026
* Kristin Gharst with **Southern Regional Coordinator Community and Residential Services Authority**, Primary Focus Emotional Behavioral health needs, over 42 counties, cover from ages 3 to 22

**Resources:**

* Kristin Gharst with **Southern Regional Coordinator Community and Residential Services Authority** email: [Kristin.gharst@illinois.gov](mailto:Kristin.gharst@illinois.gov) Phone # 1-217-871-7836
* **IDHS WAG 25-03-04: Crisis Assistance**

**Website:** <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=12672>

* **EHD Supportive Employment Services with Eli.**
* **No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town**

**Website:** <https://shpbeds.org/chapters/>

* **Joyce Schlag:** C**entral Intake Coordinator**   
  **Spero Family Services**   
  **123 S 10th Street**, **1st Floor**  
  **Mt Vernon IL 62864**  
  **joyce.schlag@sperofs.org**  
  **618-204-5522 Ext 8223**  
  **Spero has Wraparound but the family would need DCFS involvement.**
* **CRSA**

Website: <https://crsa.illinois.gov/>

* **Evansville Lice Clinic**

Website: <https://evansvilleliceclinic.com/>

* **Rachel Chruszczyk** email: [rchruszczyk@pcaillinois.org](mailto:rchruszczyk@pcaillinois.org)
* **Southern Illinois High Five Society** 
  + Admins Rachelle Gray and Amy Miller
  + <https://www.facebook.com/groups/313039880188678/>
  + Amy's email is [amiller07@qhus.com](mailto:amiller07@qhus.com)
  + Great Support Group
* **Lincoln Prairie September 18 10am Free CEU**
* **Khols Cares Team**

Website: <https://corporate.kohls.com/corporate-responsibility/associates-in-action>

**Monthly/Quarterly Goals/Needs:**

* Bring more agencies to the LAN meetings
* EHD would like to have more interaction with DCFS
* Hope boxes to local business with Information, encouragement, and to promote suicide awareness.
* Homeless community needs

**Upcoming Community Events and Trainings:**

* Suicide Prevention Walk with Center Stone in Marion on Sept 7th
* World Suicide Prevention Day Sept 10th
* Suicide Prevention Meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 3pm in the Eldorado EHD Large Conference Room.
* Anatomy of Stress & Trauma Nervous System. **September 18, @ 10am Free CEU. Virtual**
* Poverty Stimulation @ John A Logan College, on October 23, 1230-4

**Presentation:**

**Heather Austin -** History of Center for Independent Living Presentation for Sept.

**Adjournment:** Jason Robershaw Motioned to adjourn and Kristin Gharst seconded it. All Aye

If anyone has any flyers or information that you would like to have sent out in the LAN e-mail announcement or would like to present, please send them to Krystle Yarber at [kyarber@egyptian.org](mailto:kyarber@egyptian.org) by the third Monday of the month.

**\*\*To view the meeting minutes please go to** [**https://www.localareanetwork2.org/**](https://www.localareanetwork2.org/) **\*\***

\*\*\*The next meeting is scheduled for **Oct. 1, 2024 @ 9am, on ZOOM**\*\*\*

*Minutes by Krystle Yarber*

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