

Annual Conference & Recovery Day at the Capitol

MCRSP held its Annual Conference on March 7, 2022, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City. We would like to thank all of the speakers, which included: Missouri State Representative Cheri Toalson-Reisch, Department of Mental Health (DMH) Director Valerie Huhn, Division of Behavioral Health Director Nora Bock, DMH Director of Recovery Services Rosie Anderson-Harper, SAMHSA's Region 7 Administrator Kim Nelson, DMH Housing Director Kelli Kemna, Director of Probation and Parole Julie Kempker, Department of Corrections Assistant Division Director for Reentry and Education Annie Herman and many other speakers from DMH, Department of Economic Development, Department of Social Services, the Missouri Behavioral Health Council and more... We would especially like to thank all those in attendance and the event sponsors, which included DMH, GET HELP, Alkermes, and Chestnut Health Systems. Thank you all for making the Annual Conference a huge success!

The 7th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol, held on March 8, 2022, started off with inspiring speeches from Senator Holly Thompson Rehder and Rep. Travis Smith. Both of these legislators are champions of the substance use recovery community. Attendees then went to the Capitol to advocate on recovery issues. Five new co-sponsors to HB2527 were added during the day. This is the tax credit legislation for recovery community organizations in Missouri.

Below are a few photos from both days.



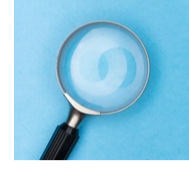
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Federal Spending Resolved for Fiscal Year...

Last week, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, H.R. 2471, that provides about \$1.5 trillion in funding for the federal government through the end of the current federal fiscal year on September 30. The omnibus spending bill appropriates \$730 billion in domestic funding, a 7% increase over last year, and defense spending of \$782 billion, a 6% increase. The law includes more than 4,000 "congressionally directed spending" instructions (earmarks) for special projects in the districts of Members of Congress and about \$14 billion in new funding for aid to Ukraine, but no additional COVID-19 relief. Originally, the legislation included \$15.6 billion requested by the Administration for additional COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and medicine, but the House removed the provision after numerous Representatives objected to language rescinding (clawing back) about \$7 billion in unspent State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated under last year's American Rescue Plan Act.

...But 10-percent Set-Aside for Recovery Programs was not Included

The FY2022 funding bill included some additional funding for SAMSHA's programs, but far short of what had been proposed for the substance abuse block grant (SABG), State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program and Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR) grant program. The Biden Administration had proposed more than a \$1.5 billion increase in the SABG, which would have been the first regular increase in the program in 14 years. The Administration had also proposed a 10-percent set-aside for recovery programs from the block grant funds, similar to the 20-percent set-aside that already goes to prevention programs. The House of Representatives had already passed a funding bill last year that included a \$1 billion increase in the SABG with a 10-percent set-aside for recovery. A previous proposal in the Senate also included a more than \$1 billion increase in the SABG with the 10-percent set-aside for recovery. At the end of the day though, the funding package that was signed into law included only a tiny \$50 million increase in the SABG and a \$25 million increase for the SOR program. The appropriators also abandoned the 10-percent Recovery Set-Aside, which we always knew was problematic if a substantial increase in the SABG was not agreed to. MCRSP is continuing to work with Congress as they have already started work on the FY2023 funding package. FY2023 begins October 1 this year. To read the Omnibus Funding Package, click [here](#).

Greg's Message

The Missouri legislature is returning from their Spring Break this week. Top on the agenda will be the FY2023 state budget. Just prior to the break, the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for Health, Mental Health and Social Services met to consider recommendations to HB3010, the budget bill that includes funding for DMH. The only proposed change for the DMH budget bill was an increase of \$1.9 million in authorization for DMH to spend additional funds from the state opioid settlement agreement. The full House Budget Committee will "mark up" the FY2023 budget bills soon.

The MCRSP-supported HB2527 tax credit legislation remains in the House Rules Committee for Administrative Oversight. MCRSP is continuing to work to get the bill to the House floor soon. So far during this legislative session, 1,590 bills have been introduced in the House, 38 have passed the House and only 1 has passed both the House and the Senate (which was the supplemental budget bill for the current fiscal year). It remains unclear whether gridlock will be broken in the Senate Chamber to allow any meaningful legislation to get passed this year.

Finally, MCRSP had a highly successful Annual Meeting and 7th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol. We have already booked the Courtyard by Marriott for next year's annual meeting and the 8th Annual Recovery Day at the Capitol next March. We also have many other exciting conferences planned for later this year around the state. In June, we will be in Kansas City where it appears we will be hosting a top Biden Administration official from the Department of Health and Human Services or the Surgeon General. In August, we will be in Columbia where John Kelly of the Recovery Research Institute out of Harvard University will be a featured speaker. And we wrap up the year in the Bootheel in December. Mark your calendars now!

Upcoming Events

- March 30 - ~ **MO Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference**
April 1, 2022 Hilton Promenade, 3 Branson Landing, Branson, MO 65615
<https://www.motreatmentcourts.org/2022-matcp-conference/>
- April 8-10, 2022 ~ **MACA Spring Conference**
Camden on the Lake, 2359 Bittersweet Road, Lake Ozark, MO 54049
<http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/upcoming-events>
- May 2, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference AWARD Nominations Deadline**
Nomination Form [HERE](#) (ALL nominations due by 5:00 pm)
- May 3, 2022 ~ **MO Mental Health Foundations Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet**
Register to attend in person or virtually [HERE](#)
- June 3, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/KC Recovery Coalition Conference**
Healing House Recovery Community Center, 112 N. Elmwood Ave, Kansas City, MO
- July 21, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference**
Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau, MO
- August 11, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/Central Missouri Recovery Coalition Conference**
Stoney Creek Hotel (Columbia), 2601 South Providence Road, Columbia, MO
Discounted room rate of \$95/night; reservations made by July 13. Click [here](#) to make a reservation.

August 26-27, 2022 ~ **5th Annual Intersection of Christian Beliefs and Recovery Seminar**
Landmark Church, 204 Metro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109

If you have an event you would like to share please email [Christa Harmon](mailto:Christa.Harmon@mcrsp.org)

Training Opportunities

Wellness Webinars - The Missouri Behavioral Health Council (These webinars are designed for Behavioral Health Care Providers:

- April 22, 2022 - 1:00 pm (Back to Basics: Using Effective Communication Techniques - basic communication techniques for wellness coaching. [Register Here](#)

Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Certified Peer Specialist [Register Here](#)
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Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

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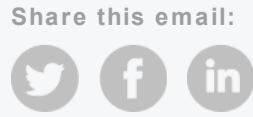
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