

"Senate Passes 'Syringe Access Bill' for Opioid Treatment"

Senator Holly Thompson Rehder sponsored Senate Bill 690, allowing organizations registered with the state to distribute clean needles and connect people who use substances with social services.

The Bill passed with 10 votes from Democrats and nine from Republicans, it now awaits a hearing by the House Emerging Issues Committee.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Read Senate Bill 690 [HERE](#)



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Recreational Marijuana in Missouri?

Two initiatives are ongoing to legalize marijuana in Missouri.

House Bill 2704, sponsored by Ron Hicks, has passed through committee but still has to go through the House, a Senate Committee, and then the full Senate. This bill legalizes possession and use of recreational marijuana for those 21 years and older.

Legal MO 2022, is a ballot initiative that has already received 200,000 signatures. This initiative would allow those over 21 to possess, consume and cultivate marijuana, as well as expunge criminal records for previous nonviolent marijuana offenses.

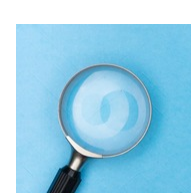
Both initiatives differ in language, but both are working to make recreational marijuana use legal in Missouri.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Read House Bill 2704 [HERE](#)

Read the full article about Legal MO 2022 [HERE](#)

[Read about Legal MO HERE](#)



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SAMHSA's National Prevention Week

May 8-14, 2022

Prevention Day: Monday, May 9, 2022

National Prevention Week (NPW) is a national public education platform bringing together communities and organization to raise awareness about the important of substance use prevention and positive mental health. SAMHSA's Prevention Day will take place on Monday, May 9 and it will be an interactive online conference platform. Hear from prevention leaders; learn about the latest developments in the areas of mental illness and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery; network with other practitioners; and sharpen your skills.

Information [HERE](#)



SHOW ME RECOVERY: Stories of Recovery in Missouri

Most often the media focuses on the negative stories about substance use. Show Me Recovery will change that script and focus on the stories of recovery in Missouri. Introducing a project, led by Christa to focus on the positive stories of recovery in Missouri. This is a project a long time coming, it is now time to gather and tell the stories, your stories which will be featured on our website. Recovery is attainable, recovery is possible, and recovery happens every day.

If you would like to learn more about this project and share your story please email [Christa](#) for details.

Measures to Fight Human Trafficking Advance in The House

Two proposals, (HB2307 and HJR114) have been approved and sent to the Missouri Senate. These proposals would create a new fine for people convicted of human trafficking offenses. This proposed fine of \$5,000 would be used to fund the efforts to fight human trafficking in Missouri as well as provide treatment and support to its victims.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Read House Bill 2307 [HERE](#)

Read HJR 114 [HERE](#)

MO Senate Passes Restaurant Meals Program

The Missouri Senate passed legislation to allow some recipients of SNAP benefits to purchase hot meals. The legislation, "Restaurant Meals Program" would allow elderly, disabled, or homeless Missourians the ability to use SNAP to buy a hot meal at restaurants that have contracted with the Missouri Department of Social Services.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Greg's Message

As we enter the final two weeks of the Missouri Legislative Session, things are continuing to move at a snail's pace. The Missouri Senate passed its own version of the state FY2023 budget bills last week; the conference committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 3, to work out the difference between the House and Senate versions. The legislature is working right up to its budget deadline since the budget has to be delivered to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 6. Funding for Recovery Support Services (RSS) has slightly increased over the FY2022 levels at \$3.92 million. In addition, are funds that have been sent to the state through the federal government, which has basically doubled the size of the RSS program. These additional federal funds will augment RSS funding through 2025.

MCRSP is continuing to work on HB2527, a tax credit for donations made to recovery organizations in the state. The bill is still held up in the House Rules Committee for Administrative Oversight. However, members of the House and Senate plan to offer the legislation as amendments on the House and Senate floors when appropriate bills come before those bodies for consideration. To date, the two chambers have only passed and agreed to six bills this session and only one (the first supplemental budget bill) has been signed into law by Governor Parson. The House has passed 147 bills so far this year. The Senate, however, has only passed 37 bills this year due to a series of filibusters that have bogged down the chamber. If legislation is going to pass this year, it will likely be in the form of large omnibus bills that contain many components. Stay tuned...

MCRSP Affiliate Meeting Information

Regional Affiliates

Central Missouri Recovery Coalition

- Dan Hanneken, Chair
- Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:00 am, email [Dan](#) for a Zoom link

Recovery Coalition of Greater St. Louis

- Pastor Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, Chair
- Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am, email [Marsha](#) for a Zoom link

Kansas City Recovery Coalition

- Bobbi Jo Reed, Chair
- Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 am, [Zoom Link](#)

Recovery Coalition of the Ozarks

- Merna Eppick, President
- Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. [Zoom Link](#) - ID: 379 314 5419

Southeast Missouri Recovery Alliance (SEMRA)

- Ronnie Sells, Chair
- Meeting days and times are not available

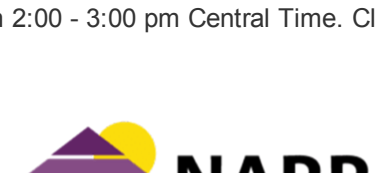
National Affiliates

National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NAAR)

- Monthly open calls for national issue updates on the 1st Friday of each month at 10:00 - 11:00 am CT. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Monthly Learning Communities from 2:30 - 4:00 pm Central Time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO)

- Monthly open members call for national and other issue updates on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 pm Central Time. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Upcoming Events

- May 3, 2022 ~ **MO Mental Health Foundations Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet**
Register to attend in person or virtually [HERE](#)
- May 14, 2022 ~ **S.A.V.E. Presents our Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Seminar** ~ 1:00 pm first floor Rotunda at the State Capitol. Flyer [HERE](#)
- May 19-20, 2022 ~ **The Missouri Department of Mental Health: Spring Training Institute (STI)**
Virtual Conference. More information [HERE](#)
- June 3, 2022 ~ **MCRSP/KC Recovery Coalition Conference**
Healing House Recovery Community Center, 112 N. Elmwood Ave, Kansas City, MO
Register [HERE](#)
- June 8-10, 2022 ~ **Fletcher Group RCOE "Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit**
Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee
Attend in person or virtually, register [HERE](#)
- 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](#)

Training Opportunities

Ethnicity & Diversity Training

- May 13, 2022 - 8:30 am - Emmaus Church, Springfield, MO - [Download .pdf to register](#)

Trauma-Informed Care Training

- [Register Here](#)

Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Certified Peer Specialist [Register Here](#)
- Peer Specialist Supervisor [Register Here](#)

Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- MRSS training [Register Here](#)

Ethics Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Ethics training [Register Here](#)

If you have a training you would like to share please email [Christa Harmon](#)

Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers Missouri's Recovery Lifeline

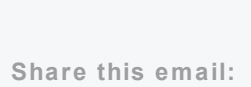
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