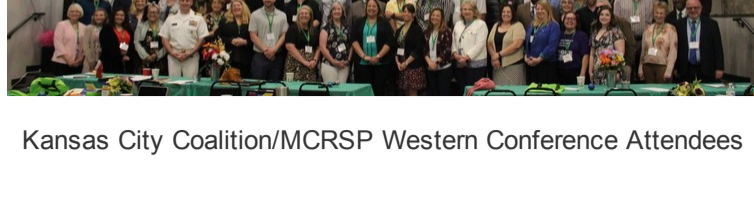


# MCRSP LIFELINE

Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers

June 6, 2022

Edition 2 Volume 11



Kansas City Coalition/MCRSP Western Conference Attendees



Missouri Department of Mental Health Attendees  
First Row: Jesse Crum, Angie Lewis, Lauren Quint  
Second Row: Vicki Schollmeyer, Lisa Hueste, Molly Boeckmann

Third Row: Kerri Tesreau, Valerie Huhn, Jennifer Johnson

## Kansas City Recovery Coalition/MCRSP Western Conference

Friday, June 3, 2022, was the KC Recovery Coalition/MCRSP Western Conference held at Healing House Recovery Community Center in Kansas City, MO.

Valerie Huhn, Director, Missouri Department of Mental Health was present to offer some insight into what is happening in the Department. Kim Nelson, Region 7 SAMHSA Administrator, and Gregory Smith, MCRSP Executive Director gave an overview of SAMHSA and Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers. We heard a personal recovery testimony from Rachel Dominguez. Joseph Palm, Regional Director of The US Department of Health and Human Services gave some insight on the US Department of Health and Human Services. Kenneth Vick gave a presentation on "How to be a Professional People Helper", and Dr. Rodney Smith and Stephanie Smith, the co-founders of SophicSolutions presented on "Racial Equity and Inclusion".

Below are the scheduled speaker photos of the conference.



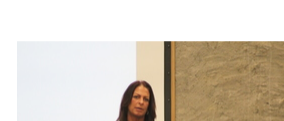
Valerie Huhn, Director, MO Dept of Mental Health



Kim Nelson, Region 7 SAMHSA Administrator & Gregory Smith, Executive Director, MCRSP



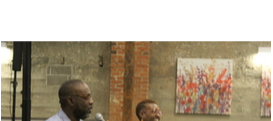
Joseph Palm, Regional Director, US Department of Health & Human Services



Rachel Dominguez



Kenneth Vick, Executive Director, Benilde Hall



Dr. Rodney Smith & Stephanie Smith, Co-Founders of SophicSolutions

## ARPA Website Launched

Governor Parsons announced the launch of a public website to help guide access to Missouri's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The website allows visitors to learn how ARPA Funds are being spent and how organizations can apply for the State's ARPA funds.

Read the article [HERE](#)

Visit the website [HERE](#)

## Missouri Drug Overdose Dashboard

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has launched a drug overdose dashboard that enables visitors to get data on Missouri drug overdose deaths, nonfatal overdoses, and NAS as well as download Missouri county-specific fact sheets.

Visit the dashboard [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.



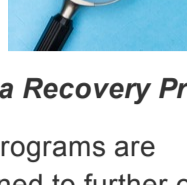
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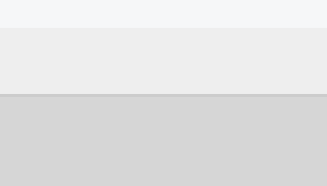
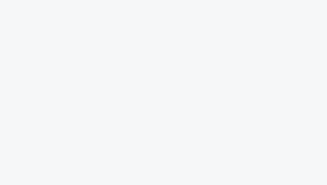
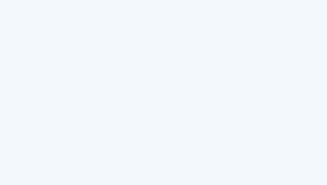
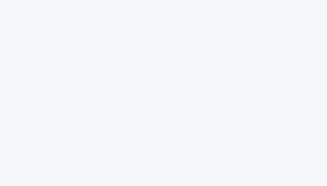
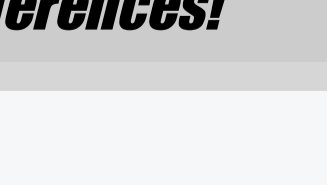
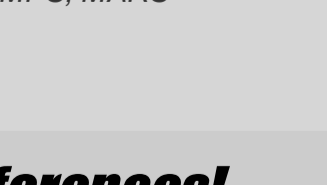
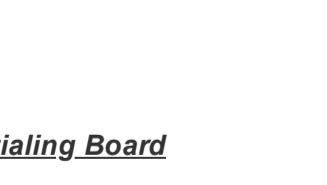
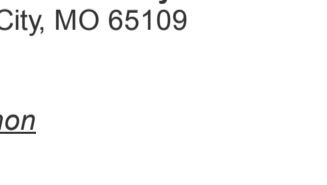
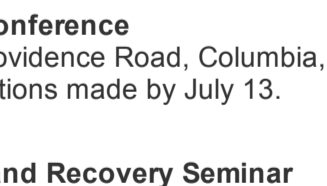
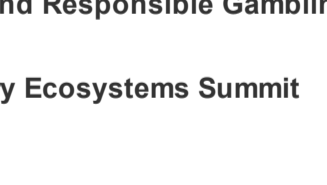
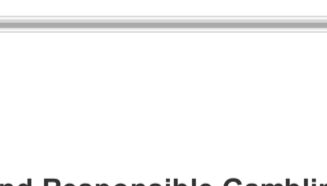
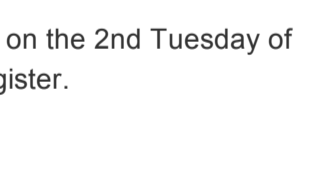
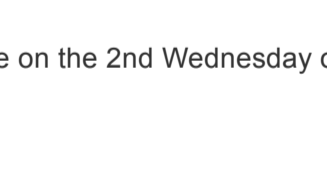
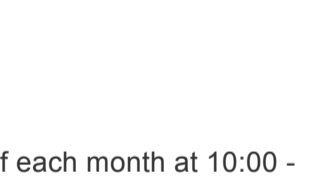
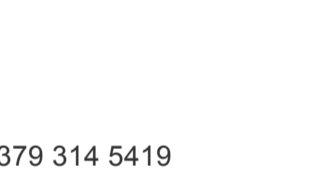
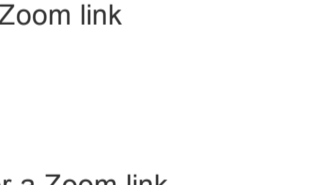
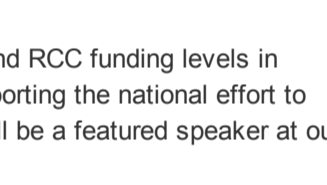
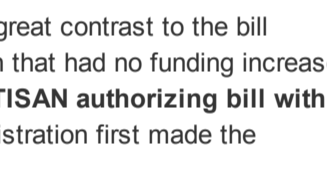
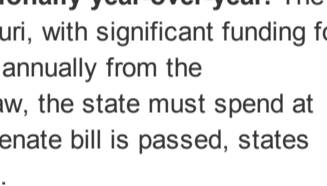
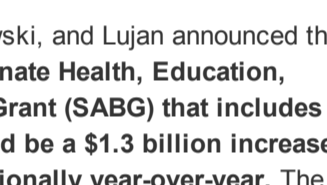
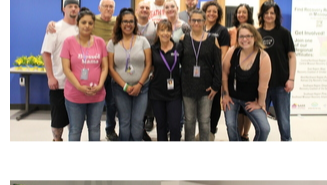
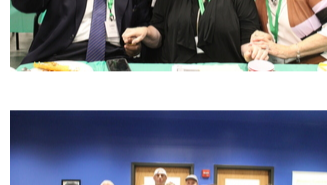
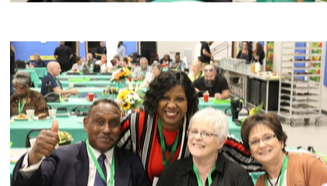
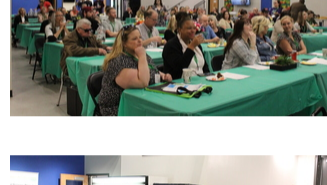
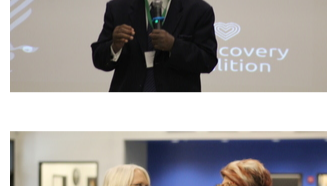
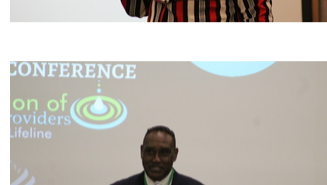
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## Find a Recovery Program

Our programs are designed to further our mission and provide much-needed services for the community. Find a place to get help **NOW**.

## MCRSP Western Conference Photos



## Greg's Message

On the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, U.S. Senators Hassan, Murkowski, and Lujan announced the introduction of a **BIPARTISAN SAMHSA reauthorization bill in the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee for the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) that includes a 10% recovery set-aside and a \$3.2 Billion appropriation level -- this would be a \$1.3 billion increase above current funding levels with \$320 million dedicated to recovery nationally year-over-year.** The block grant from the federal government provides each state, including Missouri, with significant funding for their substance use programs each year. Missouri receives about \$26 million annually from the federal government through the substance abuse block grant. Under federal law, the state must spend at least 20% of the block grant funds on prevention programs. If the proposed Senate bill is passed, states would also have to spend 10% of the block grant funds on recovery programs.

There is still a lot of work to do to get this across the finish line, but this is a great contrast to the bill passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee earlier last month that had no funding increase and no set aside for recovery. The proposed Senate bill is the **FIRST BIPARTISAN authorizing bill with a recovery set-aside that has ever been introduced** since the Biden Administration first made the proposal about this time last year.

It is vital that we get this bill passed if we are going to sustain current RSS and RCC funding levels in Missouri (and continue to grow these programs in the future)! MCRSP is supporting the national effort to get this bill passed. Holly Strain, one of our lobbyists in Washington, D.C. will be a featured speaker at our MCRSP Conference in Columbia on August 11.

## 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

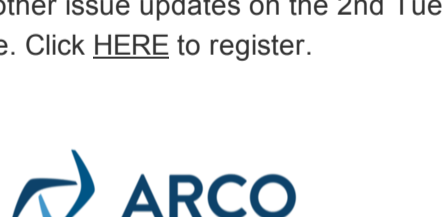
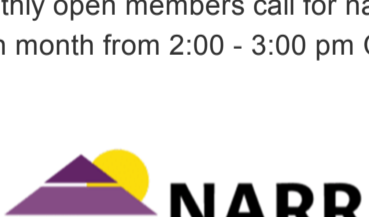
### National Affiliates

#### 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

June 8-9, 2022 ~ **National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling**, 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](#)

June 15, 2022 ~ **Missouri Rural Behavioral Health Summit**, Register [HERE](#)

July 21, 2022 ~ **MO Suicide Prevention Conference**  
Suicide Prevention Center in Cape Girardeau, MO

August 2, 2022 ~ **Missouri Primary Election**

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

November 8, 2022 ~ **General Election Day**

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

## Training Opportunities

### Trauma-Informed Care Training

- [Register Here](#)

### Peer Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

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

### Suicide Prevention Training

- [Register Here](#)

### Missouri Recovery Support Specialist Training - Missouri Credentialing Board

- MRSS training [Register Here](#)

### Ethics - Missouri Credentialing Board

- Ethics training [Register Here](#)

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

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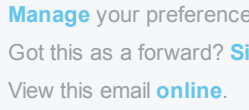
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