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PEER SUMMIT

On October 24-25, 2024, MCRSP participated in the Peer Summit held in Kansas City. The event attracted over 400 attendees, including recovery leaders and advocates from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

Our team, consisting of Executive Director Brendan Steenbergen, Director of Administration and Outreach Christa Kiesling, Housing Director Andy Thomas, and Assistant Housing Director Brendan Pasley, hosted a booth to share our mission and connect with passionate

peers. During the summit, our team engaged in meaningful discussions and valuable networking opportunities. This experience highlighted our role in not only advancing recovery efforts in our own communities but also in helping neighboring states get started on their own initiatives. By sharing our knowledge and strategies, we aim to empower these states to develop effective recovery services that will benefit their residents.

MACA CONFERENCE

At the recent Fall MACA Conference, held from October 4-6, 2024, at Camden on the Lake, over 200 attendees gathered to engage with key topics related to addiction recovery and counseling. One of the highlights of the conference was a compelling presentation by Andy Thomas, the Housing Director for MCRSP. His insightful overview focused on recovery housing and the critical role that MCRSP plays in supporting individuals on their path to recovery.

During the conference, attendees had the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units by participating in various sessions covering topics ranging from performance metrics to innovative housing solutions. The conference also featured several vendors, including MCRSP. Overall, the Fall MACA Conference provided a vital platform for addiction counseling professionals to share ideas, enhance their knowledge, and build community connections.



KC COALITION FAMILY DAY

On September 21, 2024, the Kansas City Coalition hosted its annual Family Recovery Day at Concourse Park in Kansas City, bringing together families and individuals in recovery for a day of celebration and community support. Despite the rainy weather, the event attracted an impressive turnout of over 400 attendees, highlighting the strong commitment to recovery within the community.

The event featured 38 vendors, including MCRSP represented by Executive Director Brendon Steenbergen and Housing Director Andy Thomas. They provided valuable information and resources for families navigating the recovery journey.

During the event, attendees had the opportunity to engage with various organizations, learn about local resources, and hear inspiring recovery stories. In addition, families enjoyed games, live music, and bounce houses for children.



NARR CONFERENCE

Our MCRSP team made a powerful impact at this year's National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) Conference! From Monday, October 7th through Wednesday, October 9th, recovery leaders from across the country gathered at the Richmond Marriott Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Representing MCRSP, our Executive Director Brendan Steenbergen, Housing Director Andy Thomas, and Assistant Housing Director Brendan Pasley attended to expand their knowledge and build essential connections.

Additionally, MCRSP Board Members Merna Eppick and Alon Fisch presented on the vital role of Respite Care and



how it positively impacts our communities. Their session highlighted the critical need for accessible recovery services. We're incredibly proud of Merna and Alon for sharing their expertise.



LETTER FROM THE E.D.

Dear MCRSP Community,

I'm pleased to update you on several exciting developments at the Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers (MCRSP). Last month, our board of directors convened for a two-day retreat in Jefferson City, where we had an invigorating and productive session focused on shaping the future of our organization. Together, we laid the foundation for a long-term strategic plan that will guide MCRSP's initiatives, ensuring they effectively meet the needs of Missouri's recovery community. In addition to mapping out this vision, we focused on refining our bylaws and enhancing our conference strategy to create events that are impactful, accessible, and beneficial for those we serve.

MCRSP also made a strong presence at the 2024 National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) Conference in Richmond, Virginia last month. Our involvement underscored MCRSP's

commitment to this national collaboration and the sharing of best practices across state lines.

Additionally, MCRSP played an active role in the inaugural Region 7 Peer Summit in Kansas City. This event marked an exciting milestone for regional peer support and advocacy, providing an invaluable platform for dialogue, resource sharing, and mutual support among recovery organizations.

With the hectic holiday season around the corner, the importance of the work you do to support those in recovery becomes even more clear and urgent. Thank you for your continued dedication to advancing recovery support services in Missouri. We look forward to the year ahead with renewed focus and purpose.

Warm regards,

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