

The Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition

“A coalition that will create a caring community with the resources to prevent and treat: substance use, substance abuse, and mental health needs”

The Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition is led by current Local Systems Coordinator, Antonia Sawyer, BS. The Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition is a group of 35+ organizations, stakeholders and providers whom have effectively created an in-depth implementation and sustainability plan SFY 2016-2017, and has successfully broken into categorized workgroups that focus on each aspect of said sustainability plan. Members not currently on a workgroup are able to join in any workgroup of their choice, or remain independent. The Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition meets monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am @ 35 W. 3rd. Street, Peru, IN. 46970.

The Systems Of Care Governance Coalition uses a “majority rules” voting policy. A “majority rules” vote is based off of (1) the number of organization members present at the current monthly meeting, with 51% of those organization members voting “no” or “yes” determining a denied or favored outcome. (2) An electronic “majority rules” vote based off of the number of organization members present at the most recent monthly meeting, with 51% of that organization member count needed to vote “no” or “yes” determining a denied or favored outcome. An organization member is an individual or organization that attends at least one half of the yearly meetings and/or participates in one or more of the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition work groups.

If a Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition member has a program they are interested in implementing, the requesting member provides verbal or written notification to the Local Systems Coordinator of their interest to receive support from the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition. The Local Systems Coordinator then provides written request to receive an executive summary of information on the program, how it will impact the community, and a sustainability plan. This information is electronically submit to co-members for review prior to the next monthly meeting. The organization member is then placed on the monthly meeting agenda where they present further information to the co-members and participate in a question/answer session. In the event the group is interested, one motion with one second motion is required, and then a “majority rule” vote to follow.

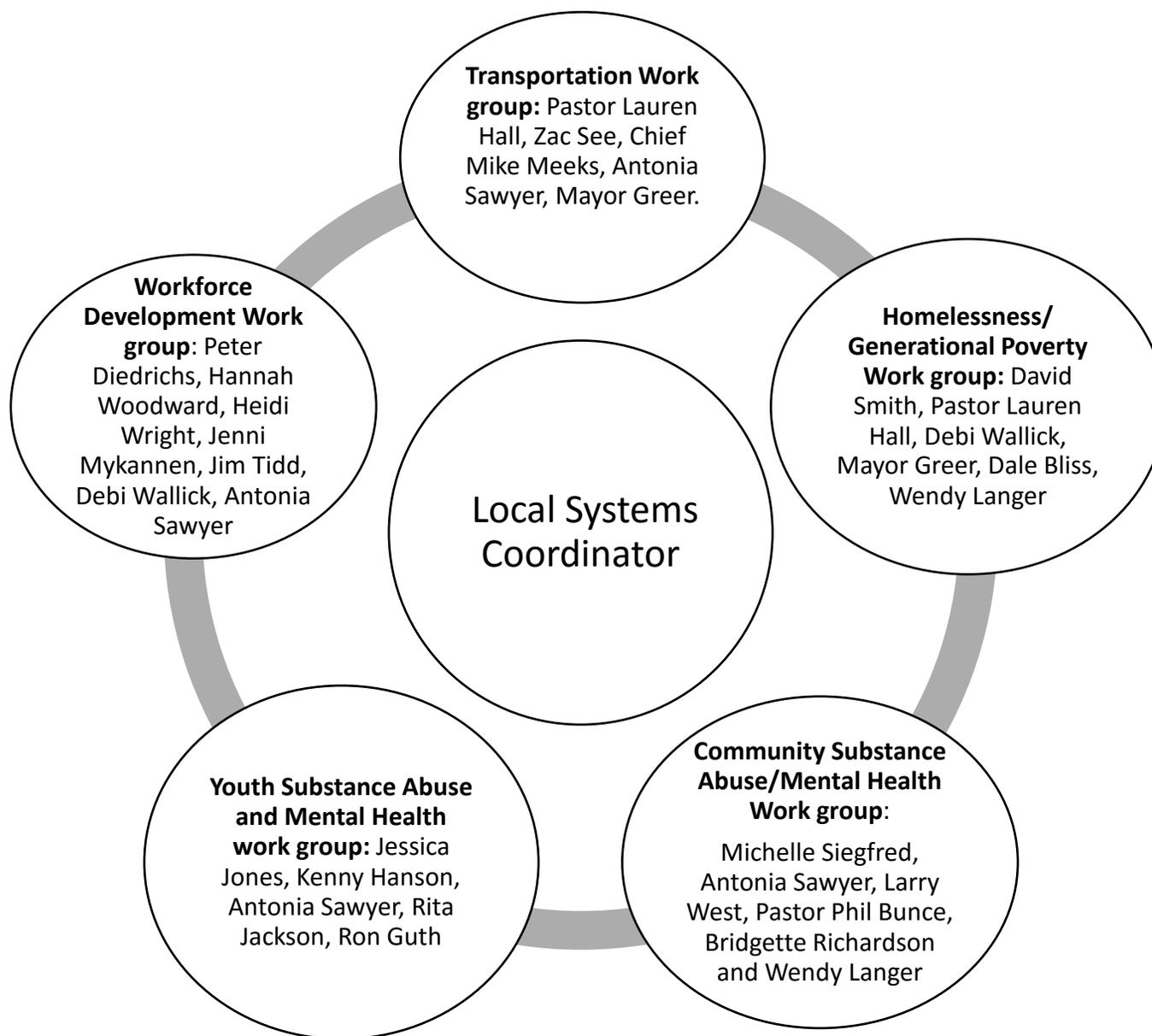
If the majority rules in favor of the program, a workgroup is identified and project is pursued. In the event the majority opposes, the project is denied. All programs and project interest are to (1) Be submitted to the Local Systems Coordinator at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next scheduled monthly meeting OR thirty (30) days prior to the grant/program deadline (2) remain true to the values and/or mission of the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition (3) Assist in reaching goals within the created implementation-sustainability plan. (4) Workgroup provides updates to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition.

If an organization currently not a member approaches the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition for documentation of support, the requesting organization shall provide verbal or written notification to Local Systems Coordinator of their interest to receive a letter of support. The Local Systems Coordinator then provides written request of information on the grant/program, how it will benefit the community, a sustainability plan, and who from the organization will provide updates. The Local Systems Coordinator then adds to that information, how many meetings the requesting organization has attended and all collaborative work between the requesting organization and the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition. This information is then submitted electronically to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition co-members for review prior to the monthly meeting. The organization is then placed on the monthly meeting agenda, presenting further information to the co-members and participate in a question/answer session.

If the majority rules in favor of the documentation of support, one motion with one second motion is required, and then a majority rule vote to follow. In the event the majority favors support, a letter is created, printed, and provided by Local Systems Coordinator to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition to sign. If documentation of support is due prior to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition next monthly meeting date, an "e-mail vote" is then conducted. All information from both the organization and Local Systems Coordinator is submitted to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition electronically, with a "majority rule" vote tallied via e-mail in place of the meeting vote. If the majority rules in favor of the support, a letter is created, printed, and signed by Local Systems Coordinator. The Local Systems Coordinator then provides the document to requesting organization.

All documentation of support request are to (1) Be submitted to the Local Systems Coordinator at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next scheduled monthly meeting OR thirty (30) days prior to the grant deadline. (2) Remain true to the values and/or mission of the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition. (3) Assist in reaching goals within the created implementation-sustainability plan. (4) Receiving organization affords opportunity for bi-monthly updates to the Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition and member workgroup participation if requested.

Current Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition Structure



Current Systems Of Care Governance Coalition workgroup projects and membership roles:

Transportation Work group: Pastor Lauren Hall, Zac See, Chief Mike Meeks, Antonia Sawyer, Mayor Greer.

Project: “Life Cycle”- Miami County transportation effort that recycles unclaimed/donated bicycles, using grant funds, and gives them away to members of the community free of charge. Assisting in substance abuse/mental health treatment, employment, medical responsibility and independence.

Work group roles:

Pastor Lauren Hall- access site

Zac See: Repairs recycled bicycles

Chief Mike Meeks: Transports unclaimed bicycles to Zac See for repair

Antonia Sawyer: Grant writer for funding to sustain program

Mayor Greer: Informs workgroup on future bike lanes, bike racks, etc. effecting “Life Cycle”/transportation within the county

Homelessness/ Generational Poverty Work group: David Smith, Pastor Lauren Hall, Debi Wallick, Mayor Greer, Dale Bliss, Antonia Sawyer, Wendy Langer, Heidi Wright.

Project: Advantage Housing/Rapid Re-Housing- This project is an effort to bring Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention (RRHP) for all of IHEDA Region 5; which includes Miami County.

Work group roles: All members of the workgroup are currently working on the following:

1. Securing a meeting location for case manager and homeless neighbors to meet for interview, intake and ongoing case management. Not much room is needed. A simple meeting office or small conference room would be great. Plastic chair (not upholstered) and tile floors (not carpet) would be best. This is for the purpose of sanitation and easy remedy in the possible encounter with bed bugs.
2. Identifying match fund’s that are not only required, but will play a huge part in the early days of the program. IHEDA grant is reimbursable. Which means we have to spend money, the draw those amounts from grant funds. Our match requirement is 20%. So if we bring \$50,000 in RRHP funds to Miami County, we'll need to raise \$10,000 in match.
3. Identifying a representative to attend the Regional Planning Council meeting. The next meeting is June 2, 2:00 PM at the Center Township Trustee office (annex) in downtown Kokomo.

Workforce Development Work group: Debi Wallick, Antonia Sawyer, Peter Diedrichs, Heidi Wright, Hannah Woodward, Jenni Mykkanen, Jim Tidd.

Project: Adult/Youth Employment Workshop: This project is a one-time employment workshop developed to assist community members identify professional skills, learn to use soft skills as common practice in maintaining employment, and get connected to community resources that may assist attendees in furthering their desire to gain employment.

Work group roles:

Debi Wallick provides grant funding for meals and gas cards provided to participants

Heidi Wright: Creates curriculum for and teaches employment workshop bi-weekly.

Hannah Woodward: Informs attendees on current WorkOne certification opportunities available to them within Miami County.

Jenni Mykkanen: Assist attendees with information on how to use skills learned during incarceration as a way to gain employment.

Peter Diedrichs: Refers attendees to workshop from Circuit Court.

Jim Tidd: Assist workgroup members with presentation material ideas as well as attends as guest speaker to youth workgroup.

Community Substance Abuse/Mental Health Work group: Heidi Wright, Sandy Chittum, Pastor Phill Bunce, Antonia Sawyer, Wendy Langer.

Project #1: “Our Quilted Community” substance abuse/mental health article- This article is from an expert perspective, addressing substance abuse and mental health issues within Miami County. The article will run monthly for 12 months.

Work group role: All members of the workgroup created the first article, as well as all topics for the article. The workgroup selected guest writers and contacted those writers.

Project #2: “Living Free” program through faith based organizations of Miami County. This is a community based substance/mental health outpatient treatment option.

Work group role: Faith based members of SOCGC have used SOCGC needs assessment data to create curriculum for this program. The faith based organization have set up all aspects of the program.

Project#3: Naloxone Initiative Program through the Miami County health Department. This was a policy change implemented on July 3, 2017 to bring community sustained Naloxone to the community of Miami County.

Work group roles:

Michele Siegfred, LPN. and Antonia Sawyer, BS.: apply for RFP, create and implement educational program surrounding Naloxone administration and opiate overdose prevention for the community.

Project #4: “Through the Trees” Walk for recovery community event for Miami County.

Work group role:

Antonia Sawyer, and any other co-members: support the families and youth within the community who would like to participate and assist in planning the community event.

Youth Mental Health and Substance Abuse Work group: Jessica Jones, Antonia Sawyer

Project #1: Remedy Live- Get School(ed) program- This is a youth based program that is in the form of an assembly. Suicide prevention, sexual assault, and substance use are all discussed.

Work group role:

Jessica Jones and Kenneth Hanson are planning and implementing the program for Peru School Corporation.

Project #2: “Miami County Cares” Educational Scholarship- for community residents 16+ in mental health or substance abuse recovery.

Workgroup role:

Antonia Sawyer: educate the community on the availability of the scholarship

Rita Jackson: assist in development of the parameters of the scholarship, the selection of a candidate to receive the funds, and is also a donor to the program.

Ron Guth: assist in selection of a candidate to receive the funds and is also a donor to the program.

Debi Wallick: assist in development of the parameters of the scholarship, the selection of a candidate to receive the funds, and is also the financial holder of the funds.