



HIA Membership Meeting Minutes July 20, 2023 | Joseph Public Library

Networking and lite breakfast began at 8am. Thank you Beckie Lies, St. Joseph County Purdue Extension for providing breakfast and Jenni Henecke, St. Joseph County Public Library, for providing coffee and offering zoom support for today's meeting.

8:33am Kari F. began July's HIA member meeting with introductions. 16 members in attendance in person and 11 members attended virtually.

Jessica B. gave update on SB4/Health First Indiana. She directed the group to the HIA website for June's community education meeting recap, including handouts and meeting summary. St. Joseph County has now opted-in to state funding along with 35 other counties as of today.

Kari F., Community Outreach Coordinator for the Indiana Donor Network (IDN), presented next. IDN coordinates Indiana donor network for 85 Indiana counties with headquarters in Indianapolis. Donate Life is the recognized national symbol for organ/tissue donation. Priority outreach groups include youth around the age of getting their driver license, 55+ and community leaders. 1 donor can save up to 83 lives. Discussed misconception of donations, how to donate and also showed two videos featuring families affected by organ donations. Kari took questions from the audience.

Kelli Liechty, from Oaklawn, presented on the CCBHC-Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic via zoom. An overview video about crisis response was shared with the motto "someone to call, someone to go, somewhere to go". Oaklawn is working with 911 and 988 to get these mental health crisis calls to a crisis mobile response team. Also, they are working to get a crisis stabilization center in St. Joseph County which will be located next to Epworth. Construction has started with anticipated opening date early 2024. Kelli discussed funding, provided services and how center will be operated. The center will utilize a "living room model" of providing care while also having private treatment rooms. The goal is to divert those in a mental health crisis going to jail or the ER unless warranted. The presentation ended with next steps including expanding mobile crisis team hours, hiring, secure continued funding and continue to work with 911 and 988. Kelli took questions from the audience.

The meeting ended with member updates and announcement. Erica S. reminded people about completing the new St. Joseph Health System CHNA survey which will be sent out to members. HealthLinc announced their back-to-school events. YMCA announced their Livestrong Cancer Survivor Program. Meeting adjourned at 9:39am.

Next members meeting will be on 09/21/2023 at 8:30 a.m. and the St. Joseph Public Library.