



**Good morning SUDC members!**

**November 2021**

We hope this email finds you healthy and enjoying the fall weather.

**Review Updates and Complete the Survey!**

- Please read the following updates to SUDC moving forward.
- Complete the attached SurveyMonkey at the end of this email about (a) your interest in serving on an Action Committee and (b) to help determine at least one additional focus area.
- Please see attached role descriptions for both the Leadership Roundtable and Working Group folks.

**Review Updates**

At the second Stakeholder Retreat, attendees identified three high-priority community needs. Small groups then sketched out a potential plan for each topic. Since then, we've met with a number of folks to determine who is doing what, so that we do not duplicate efforts. Here is how we will move forward:

- **Detoxification Services.** The Strategic Alliance for Improved Behavioral Health is already working to increase social detox services via a Crisis Receiving Center, which would provide 23+ hour services. Plans are underway for a Center to open in 2022. More information will be shared at a later time, but because Strategic Alliance already has this project in hand, SUDC will not duplicate services. Should there be a future point in which more hands are needed for planning or implementation, we will keep you informed.
- **Harm Reduction.** This is one identified area where that a group of people were interested in participating in an Action Committee to increase Harm Reduction services throughout Missoula.
- **Peer Support.** Strategic Alliance for Behavioral Health just this month received a grant to focus on building the community infrastructure to increase and sustain peer support services. SUDC will collaborate with the Alliance and move forward with creating an Action Committee to expand and/or improve Peer Support services.
- **Addressing Stigma/Social Norms.** A small group met about this topic during the Retreat. Upon reflection, the Core Team recommends 'weaving in' addressing stigma and social norms into the other Action Committees rather than creating a separate Action Committee.
- **Thus, we will be moving forward with creating Action Committees in two areas: Harm Reduction and Peer Support.** By crossing Detox off our list, and addressing Stigma within each focus area, we could look at the remaining gaps to create an Action Committee in 1-2 more areas. Other potential focus areas would be:
  - Health Promotion/Education Programs
  - Partial Day Treatment/Hospitalization
  - Recovery Residences
  - Chemical Dependency Evaluations (this topic has come up as a strong need through 1:1 conversations rather than through the Needs Assessment)

**Please complete the survey below by Wed. December 1st.** Your voice is important to determining our community focus.

If you have questions, please contact Shannan at [shannan@missoulaunitedway.org](mailto:shannan@missoulaunitedway.org) for more information.