



SOCCEED, Systems of Care in Community Emergent Events and Disasters

Meeting Summary for 5-19-26

Next Meeting is: 6-16-26

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and/or provided information before, during, or after. The information shared today will have a positive impact on all our communities. Thank you also for the many great questions and comments that generated some excellent discussions.

The following is a summary of today's meeting and information shared after the meeting:

Our May meeting in keeping with the theme for 2026, "Create Don't Wait" focused on some of the most impactful, life-changing, and supportive services right here in our very own communities. There was a particular emphasis on safety, fun and educational low-cost or free activities for youth over the summer, and a specialized behavioral health program.

The following was our first presentation:

- **Bob Renton, Director of Operations: Charlie's House**
 - **bob.renton@charlieshouse.org**
 - **<https://www.charlieshouse.org/about-us>**
 - **Bob's slide deck and any additional materials will be posted to the SOC's website once available.**
 - **Bob gave a comprehensive presentation on what Charlie's House can offer and this included live demonstrations of safety videos.**
 - **Safety devices of various kinds are available through his organization**
 - **Organizations are welcome to tour the facility and use their conference space.**
 - **Discussed heat safety.**
 - **Coming soon is a focus of safety in the home for families with children that have disabilities.**

- **Virtual safety demonstrations are available.**

Our second presenter was:

- **Isaac Halberstadt, Outreach Youth Librarian: Central Library**
 - **IsaacHalberstadt@kclibrary.org**
 - **<https://kclibrary.org/locations/central>**
 - **Isacc's slide deck and any additional materials will be posted to the SOC's website once available.**
 - **Isaac gave a thorough presentation of the many clubs, camps, etc. that are available through the library for kids of all ages.**
 - **Discussed some technical literacy help available through the library as well as a community resource, PC's for People that may be able to help. Some technology is available for checkout at the library.**
 - **Seed Library is a Ruiz Library on the Westside and you can get free seeds.**
 - **Some houseless supports are available through the library.**
 - **Help is available to anyone looking for a variety of resources.**
 - **If you want the mobile library to come to an event, at least a month's notice is needed.**
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Our third presenter was to have been:

- **Justin Warren, Program Manager-TFH/PPH: Burrell**
- **JWarren@thecmhs.com**
- **This presentation will be rescheduled as last night's weather prevented attendance at the meeting today.**
- **TFH/PPH is a great resource to assist children and families who are experiencing extreme behavioral issues. This service is supportive and often can circumvent a need for residential treatment.**
- **More to come!**

The following resources were shared during or after the meeting:

1. **I (Jennifer) reported on some additional related resources that are included with this summary.**
2. **As summer approaches, the SOC can again provide assistance with fees and some 100% sponsorships of kids to go to favorite camps or get to do a specific activity. Please reach out if you know of someone that could use some help!**

3. The SOC can again offer bikes to anyone needing one and this may possibly include helmets and locks. Please reach out for more information. These are refurbished but inspected bikes.
4. There is a Family Wellness Field Day coming up:

Family Wellness Field Day is on May 31st from 12 -5. There will be games, food, music, prizes, and more. This is at the Swope Interpretive Center:

6601 Swope Parkway, KCMO 64132
5. We will have more gas cards available by the end of the month. Please though reach out at any time if you are serving a person or family that has some sort of need.
6. The Central Library does a quarterly resource directory at: <https://kclibrary.org/street-sheets>. The SOC does a weekly resource directory called the Ray Way and that is at: www.jacksoncountysoc.com
7. The SOC can again this year donate cases of water to organizations in need. Please reach out!
8. Dorian Sugar, Director of the Cass County Coalition (doriansugar@yahoo.com) reported on June 26th, there will be a Project Connect at Belton High School for anyone under-served and in need. This will be from 9-3 and include many great resources of all kinds. Flyer to follow!
9. FREE Mental Health Training for Schools
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Question. Persuade. Refer. (QPR)

Learn more and/or register today: [FREE Mental Health Training for Schools](#)

10. School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) Resource Binder

The School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) team at DESE has provided a printed binder with more than 20 SBMH resources, including the one above, for each school building in the state over the last several months. These resources are also available in the [online SBMH Resource Binder](#) for you to view, download, print, and share as you wish. We use the [YBHL & Schools flyer](#) from this binder a lot when talking with schools about the role of the YBHL in the community.

11. [Introduction to the Missouri Framework for School-Based Mental Health](#) (approx. 53 mins) - Watch this recorded session for a brief introduction to the core components of the Framework and how it was developed, various roles/disciplines that support SBMH, and a few key resources to support implementation. [Find the presentation slides for the Framework Introduction video here.](#)

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH KC CONFERENCE

MAY 28TH - 29TH 2026

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Registration is open for the Mental Health KC 2026 Conference, taking place May 28–29 at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS.

For more than a decade, the Mental Health KC Conference has been one of the region's premier gatherings for anyone committed to advancing mental health awareness and reducing stigma in the Kansas City community.

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Our next SOC meeting is on June 16th at 1 p.m. on Webex.

Thank you everyone for your time today and please never hesitate to reach out if the SOC may assist you!

Sincerely,

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