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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the Governor’s Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, key stakeholders, and communities on the progress of the 2023 Substance Use Response Plan implementation. This report serves as a tool and mechanism by which the Governor’s Council can monitor progress in each of the Plan areas, including the current status of each key performance indicator (KPI). The report is organized by the following eight strategic areas of the West Virginia 2023 Substance Use Response Plan. Of note is a new Pregnant and Parenting Women Subcommittee began the first full year of implementation in January, and the Health Systems and Treatment, Recovery and Research Subcommittees have combined.

- Prevention
- Community Engagement and Supports
- Treatment, Health Systems, and Research
- Courts and Justice-Involved Populations
- Law Enforcement
- Public Education
- Recovery Subcommittee
- Pregnant and Parenting Women

This document is one means for the Governor’s Council members and the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) to demonstrate their commitment to continued accountability, sustainability, and willingness to assure this Plan is advanced in order to systematically address the substance use disorder crisis in West Virginia and achieve the intended outcomes. True success in implementing this Plan continues to require integrated efforts at every jurisdictional level and across sectors. This work in West Virginia will not be achieved by any one agency, entity, or jurisdiction alone. As such, the Council continues to offer the Plan as a common framework to other sectors and organizations engaged in addressing West Virginia’s substance use epidemic. The use of a common framework enhances the likelihood of aligning efforts, leveraging one another’s work, minimizing gaps, and communicating collective progress. Addressing this epidemic in West Virginia clearly requires a “whole of community” effort with a shared commitment at the center of the relationship between the Council, State agencies, and local communities. The 2023 Action Plan in its entirety, is available on the ODCP website.

Executive Summary

Purpose

This 2023 Quarter 4 Progress Report was prepared to update the Governor’s Council, key stakeholders, and communities on the progress being made towards achieving the goals set forth to address substance use in the State. In addition, this reporting process facilitates an opportunity for important dialogue about the initiatives and strategic direction being undertaken.

Background

Throughout the first three years of implementation (2020 – 2022), some key performance indicators (KPIs) were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in West Virginia. Like nothing seen in public health and healthcare in more than 100 years, the impact of the pandemic on substance use in the State will require additional time and efforts to fully understand. The State remains poised and committed to continue to develop approaches to effectively respond to promoting and protecting the public’s health in each of West Virginia’s 55 counties. Subsequently, the Plan is updated annually. The changing environment highlights the need for continued work to maintain steady, measurable progress that is monitored by the Council, the ODCP Policy, State partners, and local communities. Addressing substance use disorder in West Virginia must remain a priority.

The 2023 Action Plan was designed such that each Subcommittee identified the highest priority Goals, Strategies, and KPIs to focus on this year. As a result, the Plan is more concise, targeting the highest priority activities. Progress towards completion for each key performance indicator (KPI) was measured as “Completed,” “In Progress/On Target,” “In Progress/Falling Behind,” “In Progress/Far Behind,” or “Not Started” with a percentage of the work complete documenting progress each quarter. This report presents the 2023 Quarter 4 status for each KPI as of December 31, 2023. Measurements demonstrate both transparency and a commitment to communicating progress. Subsequently, the Plan continues to have a strong focus on the indicators and metrics established through the key performance indicators, which are time-framed and measurable.

Implementation of the 2023 Action Plan resulted in the following for the 80 KPIs being implemented, monitored, and reported. Of note is that total KPIs may vary from quarter to quarter as Subcommittees add or remove KPIs during implementation. A summary of 2023 accomplishments is provided in Appendix A.

	Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
KPIs Completed	4 (5%)	10 (13%)	26 (33%)	41 (52%)
KPIs In Progress	39 (49%)	46 (57%)	40 (50%)	26 (32%)
Not Started	37 (46%)	24 (30%)	14 (17%)	11 (14%)
Not Reported	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (2%)
KPIs Completed or in progress at end of quarter	43/80 (53%)	56/80 (70%)	60/80 (75%)	67/80 (84%)

Quarterly Progress Reports

Prevention

Goal 1: Increase, sustain, and align investments in prevention (including strengthening the prevention workforce and advocating for policy reforms).

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 2	Develop advocacy, workforce training, and credentialing to effect prevention policy change.				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, the prevention lead organizations will convene quarterly to gather and review existing organizations, trainings and education needs, credentialing required for the workforce, and resources needed for an online, statewide Prevention Resource Warehouse.	20%	40%	80%	100%
KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, continue to identify one to two prevention mentors per region across the State to connect them to the ongoing virtual prevention collaborative workspace.	0%	50%	100%	100%
KPI 3	By December 31, 2023, mentors, coalitions, and key stakeholders will have met quarterly with mentees, to provide workforce training and skill development (i.e., grant writing).	0%	50%	100%	100%
KPI 4	Through December 31, 2023, work with partners to identify a cross-section of two to four prevention champions, including legislators, from each region in the State and introduce them at the next prevention summit/conference.	0%	20%	90%	100%

Goal 2: Improve data collection, integration, and use at the regional and local levels to track progress and promote shared accountability

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Improve multi-agency data sharing for the selection and implementation of appropriate evidence-based strategies and programs that address identified community needs.				
KPI 1	By December 15, 2023, the Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup will release a guidance document that includes recommended prevention interventions for universal, selected, and indicated populations.	20%	75%	100%	100%

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Goal 3: Align strategic communications, awareness, and education using the following principles: Individual and community acceptability, data-driven, best or promising practices, and culturally relevant and inclusive.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Develop prevention messaging that targets the social ecological model (individual, interpersonal, organizational, community, public policy) and can be customized for local campaigns, coalitions, and audiences (i.e., youth and law enforcement).				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, the Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup will implement targeted messages quarterly to identify selected audiences.	20%	50%	75%	100%
Strategy 2	Create standardized prevention messaging designed to reach populations of focus informed by stakeholder input				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, the Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup will continue to host one to two stakeholder meetings in each region to develop media messages and inform dissemination on platforms.	0%	50%	75%	100%
KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, continue to use the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx) model, community input, non-stigmatizing language and data-driven decision making to inform media marketing by creating a checklist tool that will assist stakeholders in meeting requirements of best practices in a standardized manner.	0%	25%	80%	100%

Goal 4: Enhance West Virginia’s evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts for alcohol, tobacco (including nicotine delivery devices/systems) and other substances.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Implement and support evidence-based strategies in accordance with existing State plans (i.e., Tobacco Use Reduction Plan, etc.).				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, disseminate information on any available current State strategic and/or regional plans through the Help and Hope website.	0%	25%	100%	100%

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KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, post education/training opportunities on evidence-based prevention/ interventions on Help & Hope WV.	20%	30%	100%	100%
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Community Engagement and Supports

Goal 1: Increase capacity of recovery housing in West Virginia.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 2	Provide long-term, sustainable funding, resources, and training to increase the capacity of recovery residences and the appropriate use of recovery housing in West Virginia				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, increase the number of recovery residences that offer multiple pathways, including all forms of medication-assisted treatment, by an additional 20% and display them on a map.	50%	66%	66%	100%
KPI 2a	By December 31, 2023, continue to identify and analyze best practices for successful recovery housing in other states.	0%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 2b	By December 31, 2023, increase trainings statewide in West Virginia by 25%.	40%	40%	50%	100%
KPI 3	KPI 3: By December 31, 2022, create a layered map to demonstrate capacity of treatment, transitional, recovery, and re-entry housing across the state. The map will incorporate various factors such as overdose and overdose death rates, levels of care offered through recovery housing, etc. to understand gaps and prioritize needs.	100%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 4	By January 31, 2023, offer two educational opportunities on housing for community stakeholders and partners across the State, to include but not be limited to WVARR tools/resources and levels of care.	100%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 5	By December 31, 2023, hold a statewide conference for housing operators, staff, and community stakeholders that offers different tracks, scholarships, hands-on learning, and certificates of completion.	25%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 6	By December 31, 2023, assess the funding needs of recovery residences in West Virginia and identify current funding available for recovery residences.	30%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 7	By December 31, 2023, develop recommendations to create sustainable funding models for all levels of recovery housing in the State.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 8	By March 31, 2023, develop a white paper that includes, but is not limited to, how recovery housing is funded in West Virginia, sustainability of funding to support recovery housing, current barriers and	0%	0%	80%	80% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>

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	challenges, and sustainability of staff.				
KPI 9	By December 31, 2023, identify and make a request and application for a certain percentage of annual state opioid response grant funding to recovery residences.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>

Goal 2: Increase availability of transportation in order to access prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery services.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Explore innovative models of transportation for individuals with substance use disorder. Based on what is learned about these models and feasibility of addressing existing barriers develop innovative strategies that enable individuals with a substance use disorder to regain the ability to independently transport.				
KPI 1	By March 2023, continue to document written plan with best practices and working models.	50%	50%	50%	75% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By December 2023, replicate successful models such as Routes to Recovery in three counties, MOV Mobility Management in two counties, and ModivCare by three quick response providers.	50%	75%	100%	100%
KPI 3	By September 2023, document the funding needs and recommendations of each expansion and share with ODCP and Council.	25%	25%	75%	75% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>

Goal 3: Increase employment opportunities and job retention for individuals in recovery for substance use disorders through supported employment, apprenticeships, and programs such as Jobs & Hope West Virginia.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 3	Assist businesses to employ individuals in recovery.				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, host virtual and in-person trainings with 25 employers across the State to facilitate a recovery-friendly	100%	100%	100%	100%

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	workplace.				
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, continue to meet monthly to identify and document recovery friendly workplace models (Kentucky, Ohio, and New Hampshire).	25%	40%	50%	100%
KPI 3	By March 31, 2023, establish a recovery friendly workplace work group meeting quarterly to implement a statewide recovery friendly workplace initiative.	100%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 4	By December 31, 2023, establish a Statewide employer designation for a recovery friendly workplace model that includes building awareness, employer engagement, and employer partnership.	25%	25%	30%	50% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>
Strategy 9	Sustain existing programs that assist individuals in recovery from substance use disorder to obtain employment, including Jobs & Hope WV, Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment (CORE), and WV HIRE.				
KPI 1	By March 31, 2023, establish a written plan to collaborate with Jobs & Hope WV, Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment, and WV HIRE to sustain workforce programs.	50%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, secure funding to ensure the continuation and expansion of existing workforce programs.	25%	45%	45%	45% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>

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Treatment, Health Systems, and Research

Goal 1: Reduce fatal and nonfatal overdoses by improving access and integration of early intervention and treatment for substance use disorder in outpatient and residential facilities and in the community.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 6	Address barriers to treatment by expanding co-location of services, digital therapeutics, mobile service delivery, and telehealth.				
KPI 1	By June 30, 2023, identify promising and best practices where co-location of services are offered in the State, including location and summary of services/approach, and document in an issue brief.	20%	20%	20%	20% <i>Made more specific and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By August 31, 2023, develop recommendations, and resources needed, for expanding co-location of services, digital therapeutics, mobile service delivery, and telehealth.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>

Goal 2: Reduce the risk of infectious diseases associated with substance use disorder.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Increase screening and rapid access to treatment of infectious diseases associated with substance use disorders (e.g., hepatitis C, HIV, hepatitis B, sexually transmitted diseases, endocarditis, abscesses, etc.) at any entry point for substance use disorder treatment.				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, continue to integrate screening for infectious diseases into key entry points for care related to substance use disorder via a standard screening panel and clinical protocols.	10%	10%	50%	50% <i>KPI adjusted to conduct a survey and then develop actions based on findings</i>
KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, continue to advance capacity to rapidly expand community testing services for HIV/ hepatitis C virus and investigate, track,	10%	10%	50%	50% <i>KPI adjusted to request an update on progress and</i>

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	and manage identified cases.				<i>then develop actions based on findings</i>
KPI 3	Through December 31, 2023, continue to work with community health centers and healthcare providers to increase by 20% the number of sites with capacity to provide HIV and hepatitis C treatment in the primary care setting.	10%	10%	100%	100%
KPI 4	Through December 31, 2023, continue to increase primary care provider knowledge of and capacity to provide Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention for high-risk individuals.	10%	10%	50%	50% <i>KPI adjusted to request a survey of progress and then develop actions based on findings</i>
KPI 5	Through December 31, 2023, continue to assess Medicaid coverage of hepatitis C treatment to decrease community transmission and provide recommendations if needed.	10%	10%	50%	50% <i>KPI adjusted and carried over to 2024</i>

Goal 3: Increase the health professional workforce to treat people with substance use disorder.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Increase the number of treatment providers who offer evidence-based practices and programs and have expertise to treat people who use multiple substances and stimulants, to save lives of individuals with substance use disorders.				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, conduct an annual needs assessment and gap analysis of treatment and recovery services, and resources, by county.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI adjusted to better address current needs</i>
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, annually update a strategic plan that enables telehealth to be used for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services across the State.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI was deleted due to new information</i>
KPI 3	Through December 31, 2023, continue efforts to expand medication-assisted treatment availability in all counties using direct treatment or telehealth.	0%	0%	50%	50% <i>KPI was deleted due to new information</i>

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KPI 4	Through December 31, 2023, continue implementation of an annual educational program on substance use disorder that addresses the identified clinical needs of providers and clinicians.	0%	0%	60%	60% <i>KPI was adjusted and moved under Goal 3, Strategy 2</i>
KPI 5	Through December 31, 2023, continue efforts to establish processes in four communities to implement treatment on demand (i.e., treatment from the emergency department following overdose or anyone presenting with a primary/second opioid use disorder/substance use disorder diagnosis in an acute or other setting). Also see Health Systems for Project Engage efforts.	0%	0%	100%	100%
KPI 6	Through December 31, 2023, continue to demonstrate active planning towards implementation of at least one model that promotes recovery and integrates substance use disorder treatment with the healthcare delivery system.	0%	0%	100%	100%
KPI 7	Through December 31, 2023, continue to support pilots focused on improving retention in treatment and recovery through innovative, evidence-based strategies.	0%	0%	100%	100%
KPI 8	Through December 31, 2023, continue to support full implementation of the Atlas Quality Initiative (Shatterproof) in West Virginia throughout the duration of the Plan.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>Carried over to 2024</i>
Strategy 4	Provide education about substance use disorder (including stigma) to providers and staff in hospitals, urgent cares, and primary care practices.				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, continue to provide education to 1,000 future and current practitioners about substance use disorder, including education to meet medication-assisted treatment waiver requirements.	0%	0%	100%	100%

Court Systems and Justice-Involved Populations

Goal 1: Provide criminal justice-involved and civil child abuse and neglect-involved persons access to evaluation and effective treatment for SUD.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Provide access across the West Virginia criminal justice system to substance use disorder treatment that offers medication-assisted treatment, therapeutic programming, and linkage to community-based treatment services prior to and upon release.				
KPI 1	By June 30, 2023, perform a gap analysis to document, measure, and close gaps related to medication-assisted treatment, therapeutic programming, and linkage to community-based treatment services.	0%	50%	50%	75% <i>KPI adjusted to meet current needs and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, document gaps that exist for persons linked to treatment upon release from incarceration and develop processes and procedures to ensure linkage to community treatment prior to and upon release from Incarceration.	0%	25%	25%	50% <i>KPI adjusted to meet current needs and carried over to 2024</i>
Strategy 2	Promote alternative sentencing to increase substance use disorder treatment engagement instead of incarceration without treatment.				
KPI 1	By June 30, 2023, perform a gap analysis and document where alternative sentencing to treatment is inefficient.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI adjusted to meet current needs and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, standardize opportunities for alternative sentencing to substance use disorder treatment.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI adjusted to meet current needs and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 3	Through December 31, 2023, continue to support the expansion of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and other diversion opportunities that promote treatment instead of incarceration without	20%	50%	75%	100%

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Goal 2: Construct pathways to employment, housing, transportation, health, and behavioral health services for individuals with substance use disorders and criminal records

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Review gaps and barriers to expunging criminal records for certain offenses directly related to substance use disorder.				
KPI 1	By June 30, 2023, identify, address, and overcome barriers that exist to expunge criminal records for certain offenses directly related to substance use disorder.	0%	0%	25%	50% <i>KPI adjusted to support Jobs & Hope WV and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, explore how other States address criminal record expungement for certain offenses directly related to substance use disorder in multiple jurisdictions within the State and related to certain child abuse and neglect offenses.	0%	100%	100%	100%
Strategy 2	Develop support for employers and employees around employment for persons with a criminal justice history.				
KPI 1	By March 31, 2023, collaborate with the Community Engagement Subcommittee to address gaps and barriers to employment for persons with a substance use and criminal justice history.	100%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, identify opportunities to link employees with a criminal justice history to job readiness services for employment.	50%	85%	85%	100%
KPI 3	Through December 31, 2023, promote awareness of incentives available to employers for hiring someone with a criminal justice background.	0%	0%	100%	100%

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Law Enforcement

Goal 1: Equip and train law enforcement agencies to respond to overdoses.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Provide education and training on naloxone, self-care, harm reduction principles, stigma, and models for responding to overdoses to all law enforcement officers.				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, provide at least two training events per year (virtual and in-person) for law enforcement that includes naloxone administration, self-care, harm reduction, stigma reduction, and models for responding to overdoses.	25%	50%	100%	100%
KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, convene a workgroup that will be focused on coordinating/planning trainings and tracking of number trained.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>ODCP has taken on this task and KPI was deleted</i>

Goal 3: Provide law enforcement with analytical tools, techniques, resources, and policies to improve the enforcement of drug laws.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Utilize the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program to identify drug trafficking routes across state lines and encourage local law enforcement to enter overdose data, as required by law				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, continue to inform all local law enforcement agencies and first responders that entering overdose data into the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program within 72 hours of overdose is state-required and report the number of trainings provided.	25%	50%	75%	100%
KPI 2	Through December 31, 2023, continue notifying State and local law enforcement of overdose events and apparent drug routes identifiable via the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.	25%	50%	75%	100%

Goal 4: Strengthen the use and implementation of strategies among law enforcement and first responders to address the incidence and prevalence of children's exposure to violence and

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trauma.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Support and expand the Handle with Care program to all first responders in all 55 counties of West Virginia.				
KPI 1	By December 31, 2023, offer training on Handle With Care and Handle With Care protocols to at least 400 law enforcement officers.	70%	100%	100%	100%
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, offer training on Handle With Care and Handle With Care protocols to at least 200 personnel who interact with law enforcement to include emergency medical services, 911, social workers, mental health providers, victim advocates, teachers and school staff.	0%	0%	100%	100%
KPI 3	Through December 31, 2023, maintain law enforcement referrals, and use Handle with Care quarterly to identify opportunities for continued improvements, additional supports needed, etc.	25%	50%	75%	100%

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Public Education

Goal 1. Develop and compile the educational framework and trainers to address stigma across the State and in target populations.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Develop a comprehensive public database for stigma reduction training/ education/curriculum.				
KPI 1	By May 31, 2023, train six prevention lead organizations on the new public education training, as is required by their statement of work.	0%	0%	0%	Not Reported <i>KPI carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, identify five key personnel in organizations that support the target populations identified in the 2021 survey.	85%	95%	100%	100%
KPI 3	By August 30, 2023, train individuals in identified organizations on the new public education training.	0%	10%	10%	Not Reported <i>KPI carried over to 2024</i>

Goal 2: Develop a sustainable online repository/database of educational trainings.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Create a series of online modules using the developed curriculum for the general public and specific stakeholders.				
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, develop a written strategic Plan for three to five years for State messaging with a group of select key stakeholders, including those with lived experience.	50%	75%	100%	100%

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Recovery Community

Goal 1: Ensure equitable access to the full continuum of care for individuals with substance use disorder who are in recovery, including entry into treatment, transition out of treatment and transition into the workforce with continued support (i.e., detox, inpatient, recovery residence, peer recovery support specialists, and independent living with structured housing).

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 2	Develop strategies that allow patients to be afforded informed consent with emphasis on patient-centered care.				
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, continue to explore models used by other states that assure individuals entering treatment are informed of all treatment options, as well as the risks versus benefits of various treatment options.	15%	75%	80%	80% <i>New KPIs were developed to address WV specific actions</i>
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, develop a West Virginia model that includes a standard written consent and tools/resources for use by treatment and recovery facilities statewide.	75%	80%	95%	95% <i>KPI modified and carried over to 2024 plan</i>
Strategy 3	Support continued expansion and diversification of outreach methods and peer integration using best practices statewide to reach individuals not currently being engaged in care (i.e., Quick Response Teams).				<i>Many initiatives accomplished this so Strategy 3 was discontinued in favor of other needs</i>
KPI 1	Through December 31, 2023, continue to create a plan and model for a “recovery response team” to conduct outreach to those who have left treatment/recovery programs and referrals that are not related to overdose events.	25%	75%	85%	90%
KPI 3	By December 31, 2023, develop a standardized set of policies and best practices for outreach as a toolkit.	15%	25%	25%	25% <i>A defined set of best practices via SAMHSA, CDC, of NIDA could not be found.</i>
KPI 4	Through December 31, 2023, continue to assess feasibility and sustainability for expansion of peer recovery supports to non-traditional settings (i.e., domestic violence shelters, homeless agencies/shelters, learning centers, libraries, emergency rooms/ departments, foster care, home visitation	25%	50%	75%	75% <i>Current PRSS programs do not have a strong sustainability plan which</i>

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	programs, law enforcement stations, schools, rural health centers, child protective services non-profits).				<i>makes 100% completion unlikely</i>
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Goal 2: Ensure long-term sustainability and development of the substance use disorder infrastructure in West Virginia, including prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery, by effectively utilizing resources and/or diversifying funding sources.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Identify alternative payment models and funding streams for continuity of services of the continuum of care for substance use disorder.				
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, identify other providers, payers, or states that currently have alternative payment models.	0%	5%	10%	15% <i>Prioritized other strategies and KPIs to await feedback on the work required in legislation related to this KPI</i>

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Pregnant and Parenting Women

Goal 1: Promote prevention, treatment, and care coordination for pregnant and parenting women.

		Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
Strategy 1	Increase standardized screening to identify pregnant and parenting women with SUD.				
KPI 1	By March 31, 2023, establish a baseline of practices completing screening and metrics to increase compliance based on data received.	10%	10%	30%	30% <i>Reworded and carried over to 2024</i>
KPI 2	By June 30, 2023, document current efforts to embed mandated screening into electronic health records of provider practices.	25%	25%	25%	25% <i>Encountered roadblocks with the variety of programs being used for EHR</i>
KPI 3	By December 31, 2023, develop a protocol and continuing education/ information for physicians and nurses on completion of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for pregnant women, including an issue brief on the incidence of infants exposed to alcohol in the last four to six weeks of pregnancy.	0%	0%	0%	50% <i>KPI carried over and moved under Strategy 3</i>
KPI 4	By December 31, 2023, promote/provide education of nurses regarding proper documentation of drugs used on birth score form at discharge to inform understanding of the prevalence of these drugs. The tool is in place but not being used effectively.	0%	75%	75%	75% <i>KPI adjusted and carried over to 2024</i>
Strategy 2	Increase capacity to provide treatment and recovery support across West Virginia (for all substances) for pregnant and parenting women, including those who experience a return to use.				
KPI 1	KPI 1: By March 31, 2023, assess stable recovery housing for parenting women and their children, including number and type of housing, number accepting justice-involved women, sober living, and types of treatment accepted, types of MOUD accepted/allowed, immediately postpartum at hospital discharge.	10%	10%	25%	100%
KPI 2	By December 31, 2023, collaborate with the housing workgroup on understanding data collected from the most recently collected statewide recovery housing survey.	10%	10%	25%	100%
KPI 3	By December 31, 2023, using assessment	0%	0%	0%	100%

Blue = Complete
Green = On Target
Yellow = Falling Behind
Red = Far Behind
Gray = Not Started

	data, develop a map to identify gaps and needs across West Virginia to make recommendations for increasing capacity.				
KPI 4	By December 31, 2023, conduct key informant interviews with the residential housing facilities that serve pregnant and parenting women.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI carried over to 2024 – In planning phase</i>
KPI 5	By June 30, 2023, conduct regional, virtual listening sessions statewide and develop a written report to understand what is working well and where there are gaps related to infants and families exposed to methamphetamine and other polysubstance use.	0%	0%	0%	0% <i>KPI carried over to 2024 – In planning phase</i>

Appendix A: Accomplishments

Quarter 1 Accomplishments

During the first quarter of 2023, a total of four KPIs were completed. Once complete these KPIs are often ongoing but may also provide the foundation for advancing work of a subsequent KPI as a next step. The section below highlights accomplishments for KPIs measured at 100% at the end of Quarter 1 (January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORTS

- Two educational opportunities were offered on recovery housing for community stakeholders and partners across the State, including but not limited to West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) tools/resources and levels of care.
- Virtual and in-person trainings were held with 25 employers across the State to facilitate a recovery-friendly workplace.
- A recovery-friendly workplace work group was established and is now meeting quarterly to implement a Statewide recovery-friendly workplace initiative.

COURT SYSTEMS AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS

- The Community Engagement Subcommittee collaborated with the Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee to address gaps and barriers to employment for individuals with a substance use and criminal justice history.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments

During the second quarter of 2023, a total of six KPIs were completed. Once complete these KPIs are often ongoing but may also provide the foundation for advancing work of a subsequent KPI as a next step. The section below highlights accomplishments for KPIs measured at 100% completed during Quarter 2:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORTS

- Continued to identify and analyze best practices of successful recovery housing in other states.
- Held a statewide conference for housing operators, staff, and community stakeholders that offered different tracks, scholarships, hands-on learning, and certificates of completion.
- Assessed the funding needs of recovery residences in West Virginia and identified current funding available for recovery residences.
- Established a written plan to collaborate with Jobs & Hope WV, Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment, and WV HIRE to sustain workforce programs.

COURT SYSTEMS AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS

- Explored how other states addressed criminal record expungement for specific offenses directly linked to substance use disorder across various jurisdictions within the State and pertaining to particular child abuse and neglect offenses.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Offered training on Handle With Care and Handle With Care protocols to at least 400 law

enforcement officers.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments

During the third quarter of 2023, a total of 10 KPIs were completed. Once complete these KPIs are often ongoing but may also provide the foundation for advancing work of a subsequent KPI as a next step. The section below highlights accomplishments for KPIs measured at 100% completed during Quarter 3:

PREVENTION

- Identified one to two prevention mentors per region across the State to connect them to the ongoing virtual prevention collaborative workspace.
- Quarterly meetings occurred between mentors, coalitions, and key stakeholders with mentees, providing workforce training and skill development (e.g., grant writing).
- The Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup released a guidance document that included recommended prevention interventions for universal, selected, and indicated populations.
- Information on any available current State strategic and/or regional plans was disseminated through the Help & Hope WV website.
- Education/training opportunities on evidence-based prevention/interventions were posted on Help & Hope.

TREATMENT, HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND RESEARCH

- Work was continued with community health centers and healthcare providers to increase by 20% the number of sites with capacity to provide HIV and hepatitis C treatment in the primary care setting.
- Efforts were maintained to establish processes in four communities for implementing treatment on demand, including treatment from the emergency department following overdose or for individuals presenting with a primary/secondary opioid use disorder/substance use disorder diagnosis in an acute or other setting. This was in line with the Health Systems for Project Engage initiatives.
- Active planning towards the implementation of at least one model that promotes recovery and integrates substance use disorder treatment with the healthcare delivery system was demonstrated.
- Support was provided for pilots focused on improving retention in treatment and recovery through innovative, evidence-based strategies.
- Education was provided to 1,000 future and current practitioners about substance use disorder, including education necessary to meet medication-assisted treatment waiver requirements.

COURT SYSTEMS AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS

- Promoted awareness of incentives available to employers for hiring someone with a criminal justice background.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Provided at least two training events this year (virtual or in person) for law enforcement that included naloxone administration, self-care, harm reduction, stigma reduction, and models for responding to overdoses.
- Offered training on Handle With Care and Handle With Care protocols to at least 200 personnel who interacted with law enforcement, including emergency medical services, 911, social workers, mental health providers, victim advocates, teachers, and school staff.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Identified five key personnel in organizations that supported the target populations identified in the

2021 survey.

- Developed a written strategic plan for three to five years for State messaging with a group of select key stakeholders, including those with lived experience.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments

During the fourth quarter of 2023 a total of 41 KPIs were completed. Once complete these KPIs are often ongoing but may also provide the foundation for advancing work of a subsequent KPI as a next step. The section below highlights accomplishments for KPIs measured at 100% at the end of Quarter 4 (October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023).

PREVENTION

- The prevention lead organizations convened quarterly to gather and review existing organizations, trainings, education needs, credentialing required for the workforce, and resources needed for an online, statewide Prevention Resource Warehouse.
- Partners were worked with to identify a cross-section of two to four prevention champions, including legislators, from each region in the State, and these champions were introduced at the next prevention summit/conference.
- The Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup implemented targeted messages quarterly to selected audiences.
- The Prevention Steering Team and Goal Workgroup hosted one to two stakeholder meetings in each region to develop media messages and inform dissemination on platforms.
- The SPF Rx model, community input, non-stigmatizing language, and data-driven decision-making were continued to be used to inform media marketing by creating a checklist tool that assisted stakeholders in meeting the requirements of best practices in a standardized manner.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORTS

- The number of recovery residences offering multiple pathways, including all forms of medication-assisted treatment, was increased by an additional 20%, and these were displayed on a map.
- Trainings statewide in West Virginia were increased by 25%.
- Monthly meetings were held to identify and document recovery-friendly workplace models in Kentucky, Ohio, and New Hampshire.

COURT SYSTEMS AND JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS

- Support was continued for the expansion of LEAD and other diversion opportunities that promoted treatment instead of incarceration without treatment.
- Opportunities were identified to link employees with a criminal justice history to job-readiness services for employment.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- All local law enforcement agencies and first responders were continually informed that entering overdose data into the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program within 72 hours of an overdose was a state requirement, and the number of trainings provided was reported.
- State and local law enforcement were consistently notified of overdose events and apparent drug routes identifiable via the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.
- Law enforcement referrals and the use of Handle with Care were maintained quarterly to identify opportunities for continued improvements, additional support needed, etc.

PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN

- Collaboration was undertaken with the housing workgroup to understand data collected from the most recently conducted statewide recovery housing survey.
- Using assessment data, a map was developed to identify gaps and needs across West Virginia, which aided in making recommendations for increasing capacity.