

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment January 17, 2024

Attendees:

Dr. Koester, Dora Radford, Amy Saunders, Shawn Schwertfeger, Thomas Plymale, Nick Stuchell, Carly Glover, Rachel Thaxton, Stephanie Thornton, Matt Christiansen, James Berry, Christina Mullins, Brian Gallagher, Beverly Sharp, Stephanie Thornton, Dr. Berry, Dr. Moran, Matt Harvey, Linda Boyd, Secretary Persily, Melanie Purkey, Janine Breyal, Dawn Frohna, Justin Smith, Dina Williams, William Marshal III, Jostin Holmes, Dr. Christiansen, Rob Cunningham, Dr. Petrany, Jon Dower, Gary, Krushanky, Yolanda Sowards.

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 by the Acting Chair, Rachel Thaxton. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference. Quorum was established.

Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2023 Meeting

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes. Amy Saunders, moved the approval and Stephanie Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous consent without further discussion.

State Plan Timeline and Progress - Dr. Koester

Meetings were being held during January to finalize each respective subcommittee's section of the plan. Revisions would be complete by the end of January. The final progress report for 2023 was also in the revision process and would be available shortly.

Secretary Persily of the Department of Human Services asked that during the creation of the strategic plan for the upcoming year all goals and strategies be included and priorities be highlighted.

Agenda SUD related updates - Dr. Persily

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

HB 3306 mandated updates to the ODCP data dashboard. The first change was to compile and display every project in the state that received government funding. The dashboard went live that week. Counsel for ODCP asked for any information from funders by direct award to ensure those are reflected on the dashboard, as they may not get captured otherwise. ODCP was working on the best way to display this info. The Recovery Residence Task Force had submitted its findings and recommendations to LOCHHRA in December. This information was available on the ODCP website under Information. The

group will continue to meet. Meeting information could be found on the same webpage. ODCP was working on its semi-annual report, which would be published at the end of the month. They were continuing to monitor legislation to provide information to legislators as requested.

Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH)

BBH had provided presentations on prevention in Washington. They had also received grants in support of naloxone vending machines in three counties, ONEboxes for first responders and additional training. Final naloxone numbers in 2023 were: 97780 kits distributed (up from 91,000 kits in 2022). BBH would be participating in the NGA trauma information policy academy. They were also working with the University of Charleston to supply and distribute fentanyl test strips.

Bureau for Public Health (BPH)

Overdose Data to Action was funding QRTs in counties. They were working on data quality measures and inputting the same into cordata, connections to care, naloxone and fentanyl test strips. They were also monitoring emergency departments through ESSENCE which is also displayed on ODCP's data dashboard. They were introducing Screening and Brief Intervention (SBIRT) in their WV home visitation program which visits high risk families to identify and refer families at high risk for SUD.

Bureau for Medical Services (BMS)

Had been working with the QUITLINE for smoking cessation to improve access to medications in a timely manner.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.