

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment February 1, 2023

Attendees: Brian Gallagher, Rachel Thaxton, Brian's Fellow, Major General Crane, Greg Hoffman, Dr. Koester, Jon Dower, Linda Boyd, Steve Koehler, Amy Saunders, Sheila Reynolds, Beverly Sharp, Yolanda Sowards, Jeff Sandy, Dr. Christiansen, Dr. O'Connell, Justine Smith, Dina Williams, Jessica Smith, Nick Stuchell, Jostin Holmes, Dr. Kilkenny, Jessica Smith, Dr. Petrany, Dr. Becker, Kim Tieman, Dr. Berry, Chad Napier,

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, February 1, 2023 by the Chair. The meeting was conducted via Zoom conference. Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting.

Kim Tieman moved the approval of the minutes and Dr. Becker seconded the motion. The motion was approved without further discussion.

Agenda Items

Dr. Christiansen updated the Council on the status of his transition to Commissioner of BPH and State Medical Officer.

Interim Director of the ODCP, Rachel Thaxton updated the Council on the current landscape and invitations for SUD in West Virginia.

Jessica Smith, Program Manager for ODCP reviewed the changes to the Council Policy Recommendations undertaken by the Council at its November, 2022 meeting. Dr. Christiansen expanded on the original motivation and foundation for these policy recommendations.

Council entertained a motion to work on drafting legislation to support these recommendations

Thornton moved and Berry seconded.

VII. Agency SUD related updates - Various

A. BBH

Interim Commissioner Stuchell of BHH reported that BBH was working on the CCBHC process. they had drafted the requirement and had been opened for comment with the providers association. It has also applied for a samhsa planning grant and should know the then of the month of first of next month. St. Joes is open in Nicholas County - a step down for civil commitments with SUD. will serve for community forensic placements. with odcp put out and afa for adolescent residential tx. closed on Jan 20 with no applications. funding was \$1 million one time funding.

B. BPH

Had been dealing with overlapping sud issues. reviewing hiv and hep c screening.

C. BMS

Dr. Becker had stepped down as director. not aware of any new activities. Dr. Hila Harvey would tak ehis position. Dr. Becker suggested getting Cynthia Parsons or Brian Thompson to join when available. Asked to use his Marshall address.

D. DHS and Corrections

Secretary Sandy requested that William Marshall be added.Governor Justice joined the border justice association who had seized enough fentanyl that could have killed 90,000 West Virginians. numerous overdoses in correction b/c body scanners cannot detect small amounts of fentanyl. Often dogs will pick up on cutting agent instead of fentanyl. Complimented Dr. Christiansen on patient files in DOCr and as drug czar and getting drug czar.

VIII. Approval of Final 2023 Priorities and Implementation Plan - Deborah Koester

Dr. Koester gave the Council an overview of the Year 4 Implementation Plan and an update on scheduling Town Hall Meetings. Also discussed in person meeting to re-up the plan. dr. Becker supported an in person meeting. Dr. Berry agreed. Meeting in May June in person.

IX. Legislative Forecast - Chairman Brian Gallagher

March 18 DEA summit - noon to five to address stigma on multiple levels.

Board of Pharmacy and Medicine are expected to endorse for CE

Legislative bill on SUD is up to 67

HB 2196 - OTP bill methadone moratorium - passed out of SUD subcommittee in house

SB 147 - Recover Residence Bill

DHHR reorg is moving

Sen Stuart will introduce a bill to make Delta 10, Delta 8 and kratom a scheduled drug

HB 2498 required MAT programs to have written programs concerning community relations
Expungement bill in house judiciary 2970?

X. Adjourn - Chairman Brian Gallagher

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.