

# **Agenda**

## **Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment**

### ***April 8, 2022***

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes - Jan 14, 2022, Feb 11, 2022 and Mar 11, 2022
- III. Review of 2022 Q1 Progress
- IV. Additional Discussion
- V. Next Steps and Adjournment

## COURTS AND JUSTICE INVOLVED POPULATIONS

**Goal 1: Provide access to effective treatment for individuals with substance use disorder in the criminal justice and civil child abuse/neglect systems.**

**Strategy 1: Provide access across the West Virginia criminal justice system to substance use disorder treatment that offers medication-assisted treatment, therapeutic programming, and facilitates transition to the community upon release.**

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2022, continue to develop processes and protocols, including an annual gap analysis, to document and close gaps related to enabling access to substance use disorder medication assisted treatment (all three U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved medications) and recovery services, in all jails, prisons, and through treatment courts (i.e., family, drug, veterans, etc.) and day report centers.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2022, continue to develop processes and protocols, including an annual gap analysis, to document and close gaps to enable access to therapeutic programming such as cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness, and other established effective programs for justice-involved populations in all jails, prisons, treatment courts, and day report centers.

KPI 3: Through December 31, 2022, continue to support a standardized process in all jails, prisons, and treatment court systems to ensure that all eligible inmates have been offered the opportunity for Medicaid enrollment or have a plan to ensure private insurance coverage prior to release.

KPI 4: Through December 31, 2022, continue to support processes using best evidence currently in place to enable successful transitions from jails and prisons to community by promoting care coordination for medication-assisted treatment, therapeutic programming, and Medicaid benefits upon release that integrates efforts with the treatment, recovery, and research subcommittee.

KPI 5: Through December 31, 2022, continue to provide information and education to judges (i.e., fall conference) and/or other identified key stakeholders on substance use disorder medication assisted treatment (all three U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved medications) and recovery services.

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

**Strategy 1: Develop alternative sentencing options in West Virginia.**

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2022, continue to implement Getting Over Addicted Lifestyles Successfully (GOALS) in all regional jail facilities as appropriate.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2022, continue to expand treatment courts, including drug treatment courts, family treatment courts, etc. across the state, in accordance with legislative directives.

KPI 3: Through December 31, 2022, provide support to jails, prisons, treatment courts, day report centers, and public defender offices to offer alternative pathways such as peers in jails and with public defender offices for a shared, collaborative approach and to decrease overdose risk upon release.

**Strategy 2: Develop policies and procedures for expunging criminal records for certain offenses directly related to substance use disorder.**

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2022, continue to notify offices handling criminal record files across levels of government and the State Bar, informing them about recent changes to state expungement laws and the necessity of accurate recordkeeping that reflects expunged crimes.

KPI 2: By December 31, 2022, work with the Supreme Court to provide more easily understood forms on the website to support the above process.

KPI 3: By December 31, 2022 establish and implement a process to identify and understand barriers to the expungement filing process through an information gathering process (i.e., key informant interviews, focus groups, etc.).

**Strategy 3: Develop support for an employer assistance program for hiring of individuals with a criminal justice history.**

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2022, continue to work with WorkForce West Virginia, Jobs & Hope West Virginia, and Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment to implement an “Employer Assistance User Guide” for businesses hiring individuals with a criminal justice history.

KPI 2: By December 31, 2022, establish and implement an ongoing process to reflect progress, update lessons learned, and document continued challenges.

