

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment for February 12, 2020

Attendees:

In attendance were Craig Boisvert, Matt Boggs, Dr. Kilkenny, KC Bohrer, Dr. Petrany, Amy Saunders, Dr. Becker, Brian Gallagher, Bob Hansen, Rachel Thaxton, Christina Mullins, Dr. Slemp, Nick Stuchell, Gary Krushansky, Dr. Berry and Dora Radford.

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in Conference Room 134, One Davis Square, Suite 100E, Charleston, W. Va. and by Zoom conference by Brian Gallagher, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed and moved by LTC-R Gary Krushansky.

Agenda Items

Strategic Plan Update

The final West Virginia 2020-2022 Substance Use Response Plan (Plan) was presented to both the House and Senate of the West Virginia Legislature during regular session. The Plan was well received and many legislators offered to assist in supporting implementation of the items in the Plan. Council members suggested adding members to the Public Education/Stigma Reduction subcommittee, more specifically voices of members of the recovery community.

The Council recognized a need to establish a formal process for updating and/or modifying the Plan. The Council also recognized that prevention needed to be addressed more in the Plan.

The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work in creating the Plan.

DHHR Updates

- Bureau for Behavioral Health
The Council heard and update on the State Opioid Response (SOR) funds and how those are being awarded. Approximately 27 awards have gone out in the last couple of weeks. There has been concern about SOR funds not being expended and Commissioner Mullins is having her team prepare a listing showing how those funds are being awarded. BBH will present the preliminary results of its survey of prevention resources throughout the State to the Substance Use Disorder Committee. BBH would be able to present to the Council on its findings.
- Office of Drug Control Policy
There is now a prevention steering team working to coordinate prevention efforts throughout the State. The steering team is planning a prevention summit that will bring some national experts on prevention. The prevention steering team also recommends creating a strategic plan focused on prevention that would include the Prevention Lead Organizations

(PLOs), Universities and Department of Education. The implementation subcommittee recently met and decided to meet in March, after the legislative session to re-focus on rollout of the Plan. Commissioner Jividen was invited to join the implementation subcommittee. PEW Charitable Trust is meeting with leaders to discuss issues specific to Department of Corrections. Dr. Beth McGinty from Johns Hopkins is assisting the Public Education/Stigma reduction subcommittee. ODCP is training CPS workers throughout the State on stigma reduction. Jobs and Hope continues to grow. They now have over 1,000 participants and anticipate adding transition agents. Jobs and Hope recently added transportation and supplemental child care services to its program. Dental services will be added as well as Good News Mountaineer Garage's services for donated cars for participants who may fall outside the service area.

- Bureau for Public Health
The state testing lab expanded its testing capacity by adding a mass spectrometer to look for substances. BPH is expanding its syndromic surveillance to look at expanded data on overdose. BPH also updated on the CDC's state vulnerability assessments for infectious disease transmission and overdose death. They are developing an integrated plan around HIV and HEP-C. BPH created a youth vaping report addressing vaping and youth in the State. BPH has now started a public health caucus every Wednesday at 10 at the legislature that is open to the public in room 330W. Discuss was had on legislation being considered around vaping.
- Bureau for Medical Services
BMS received the Maternal Opiate Misuse (MOMS) Grant. The grant monies can be used to expand capacity to pregnant women with opiate use disorder. The programs will be multi-faceted to address family as well as the pregnant women and will expand the terms for post-partum benefit to one year. Denise Smith would be able to come and present to the Council on this grant.
- Department of Corrections
The medical contract for Department of Corrections is on the verge of completion and will include medical detox, MAT and better screening on admission for SUDs and mental health disorders. Legislation has been introduced to waive fees/penalties for obtaining or re-obtaining drivers licenses for graduates of the GOALS program.

Other Business

- The Chair discussed the potential need for Council Member to file a disclosure with the W. Va. Ethics Commission. A message with guidance will be forthcoming.
- The Council heard a summary on current legislation effective SUD.
- The Council received a meeting schedule for 2020.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair. The next general meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on April 15, 2020.