

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup Tuesday January 21, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Alyce Almond, Mike Austin, Jonathan Compton, Danial Gum, Deb Harris (co-chair), Joshua McGill, Ashley Payne (co-chair), Jay Phillips, Brie Salmons, Lorrie Smith, Stephanie Thornton

Other Attendees: Melissa Bias, Leah Cook, Ashley Alford-Glance, Sarah Hess, Britney Lowther, Gwyndolyn McGee, Jennifer Rohrig

Invited, Not Attending: Terry Baker, Amber Blankenship, Laura Boone, Jeb Corey, Todd Dorcas, Alanna Keller, Keith King, Ann Hammond, Josiah Hannah, Bob Hansen, Tamara Lee, Nikki Lyttle, Lata Menon, Steve Roberts, Lori Thayer, Bev Sharp, Stephanie Stout, Charlotte Webb

Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Deb Harris and Ashley Shaw (co-chairs) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday January 21, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the November meeting minutes. Lorrie Smith made a motion to approve without changes, and Brie Salmons seconded with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of this meeting was to prioritize Quarter 1 KPI completion.

Agenda Items:

Review of 2024 Progress

- Ashley Payne provided an overview of the 2024 Progress Report to establish completed and ongoing KPIs as a baseline for the 2025 work.

Q1 KPI Prioritization and review of 2025 State Plan

- The group looked over the 2025 Plan and prioritized KPIs that will be completed in Quarter 1. They actively went over the performance management spreadsheet shared by Bradley McCoy.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1: Deb Harris has already established a provider network, and the first meeting was held on January 6, 2025. This group will continue to meet quarterly and/or as needed.

- The group discussed who would benefit most from stigma training. Deb Harris will formalize a list of potential groups to have ready for the March 10th meeting and take it to the Public Education subcommittee to discuss.
- Brie Salmons shared the following funding opportunity: the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, in cooperation with the Tri-State Transit Authority, will be accepting applications for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Section 5310 Program beginning January 17, 2025. A Letter of Intent to apply for Section 5310 funds is due January 24, 2025, with the final application and documentation due by 4:30 pm on Friday, February 28, 2025.
- Brie Salmons also shared that ARC's Inspire Grant is open and is accepting applications until March 10th.
- Ashley Payne is collaborating with contacts on the call to set up virtual and in-person recovery friendly workplace trainings.
- The group would like to update the date of Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI to be June 30, 2025 to reflect the prioritization of getting these trainings completed.

Overview of Governor's Council Meeting

- Bradley McCoy provided an update that there was a Governor's Council meeting on January 15, 2025, but there are no updates regarding the 2025 Plan.

Overview of March 10th Subcommittee Chair Meeting

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the March 10th Subcommittee chair meeting where all chairs will address KPIs in their sections of the plan that are cross-cutting. This group will talk with Public Education about stigma training opportunities.

Additional Discussion

- There is a Jobs and Hope quarterly partner meeting today and Deb Harris offered to include anyone from this call on that invite list.
- WorkForce West Virginia is collaborating with ODCP to address opioid hot spots around the state for future work opportunities.

Adjournment:

Deb and Ashley expressed their gratitude to all the workgroup members for their participation. The full work group is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday March 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM.