



# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee November 3, 2023, Approved

## Attendees:

Brian Gallagher, Bob Hansen, Deb Harris, Deb Koester, Amy Saunders, Beverly Sharp (co-chair), Rachel Thaxton, Kim Tieman (co-chair)

## Opening:

Kim Tieman (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Friday, November 3, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve October meeting minutes. Amy made the motion for approval and Bev seconded the motion. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct and finalize 2024 planning for the State Plan.

## Agenda Items:

### 2024 Planning

- Kim has mentioned that the Governor's Council Retreat is slated for December 15 at the Civic Center, and the agenda and calendar invitation will be distributed shortly. Furthermore, there will be a standard Governor's Council meeting in November.
- The board of the West Virginia First Foundation is convening to announce the selection of a director on Monday, and they require preparation of a plan for presentation for the next retreat. Kim urged the submission of the top three goals and strategies for each of the workgroups by November 15, along with KPIs by November 30.

### Housing

- Bev will participate in the Housing Workgroup meeting next Tuesday to help move along goals and strategic planning.

### Transportation

- Ashley has shared priority objectives and approaches, which encompass Goal 3, Strategy 3; Goal 3, Strategy 9; as well as a new goal centered on youth workforce development. However, she plans to refine the wording following the discussions at the November 21 meeting.

### Employment

- Deb emphasizes her intention to schedule a meeting with Ashley and finalize their plans before their upcoming November 21st meeting. At the end of the month, they will submit their ultimate goals, strategies, and KPIs.
- Brian emphasizes the importance of keeping Recovery CORE as a top priority.

#### **Additional Business:**

- Bob has asked for Brian's assistance in revising the language for the recovery housing bill. Once this task is complete, Bob will share a draft.
- Amy mentioned that she has secured funding from Southern West Virginia for hosting a conference, which will have a broader focus than just substance use. This conference may also serve as a means to achieve certain KPIs. If there are sufficient funds, a similar conference might be organized in the North. Amy encourages any member interested in participating in the planning to reach out to her.
- • At the HRSA public/private funder conference, there was an opportunity for "speed dating" with federal agencies. Kim visited the HUD table and the DOT table, where she learned about several HUD programs of note. Kim will forward HUD business cards and contact information for Julie Alston, who serves as the field representative for West Virginia. Some programs include housing support for recovery and vouchers for individuals with felony convictions. Kim also discussed the possibility of collaboration with someone specializing in regional contracts for hosting a housing conference.

#### **Next Steps:**

- The workgroups are required to submit a minimum of three goals and strategies by November 15, along with their corresponding KPIs by November 30.
- Once Bob and Brian finish the adaptations to the legislative language, they will share them with the group.

#### **Adjournment:**

Kim closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again in December.

