

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Emily Birkhead, Bob Hansen (chair), Matt Johnson, Joey McComas, Jay Phillips, Josh Sapp, Nick Stuchell, Kristen Tiedeman

Guests Attending: Gwynn McGee and Mark Lanyon

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Amber Blankenship, Danny Hale, Julian Levine, Dave Sanders

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe, Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Bob Hansen (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee - Housing Workgroup (Workgroup). The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve March and April 2025 meeting minutes. Joey McComas made a motion to approve without changes, and Emily Birkhead seconded with all in favor and none opposed. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with all in favor. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) updates.

Agenda Items:

2025 KPI Updates, and Performance Management Spreadsheet Review

- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* Emily Birkhead applied for support from the SAMHSA Spark Technical Assistance Program; however, they only provided equations to determine need and did not assist in collecting information for the variables in the equation. The Housing Workgroup has submitted a proposal to the First Foundation to fund a needs assessment to fill data gaps in the need equation. Emily is also meeting with the Fletcher Group, Inc. to determine their capacity to help with a needs assessment. It would likely go beyond the scope of work in free technical assistance, but they could look for funding to move forward together. Additionally, the Workgroup discussed how a survey could be created to collect data from peer navigators working in carceral settings to understand data how their case management places them into treatment. Variables discussed were number of treatment/recovery beds available, number of people on waiting lists with mindfulness to their duplication, and number of people who did not end up in their first choice of a treatment/recovery facility.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2-3:* The group discussed how the legislative session could affect recovery housing budgets.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4-5:* Behave Health does have tracking software to track addiction treatment providers, but it would require implementation in all facilities.

- *Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1:* One conference planning meeting was held last Thursday, May 1. The Conference is scheduled for September 9, 2025, and weekly planning meetings are scheduled until the event occurs. Anyone wishing to join the conference planning committee should contact Emily Birckhead. Jenny Lancaster is planning the logistical needs for the conference.

Community Engagement Workgroups:

- Bradley McCoy will coordinate with Bob Hansen (chair) and the co-chairs of the Transportation and Employment Workgroup to discuss planning a full meeting of both Workgroups of the Community Engagement Subcommittee.

Legislative Updates and Additional Discussion:

- The Workgroup discussed the Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) certification nuances as recovery houses are currently being reviewed for certification. The deadline for certification was in April.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM.