

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday February 4, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Emily Birckhead, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Matt Johnson, Joey McComas, Jay Phillips, Kristin Tiedeman

Not Attending: Amber Blankenship, Jostin Holmes, Julian Levine, David Sanders, Jessica Smith, Jana Stoner, Krista White, Nick Stuchell

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe and 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. The virtual meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom. A quorum was present to approve December 2024 meeting minutes. Emily Birckhead made a motion to approve without changes, and Danny Hale seconded with all in favor, none opposed. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming collaboration meeting and prioritize KPIs for Quarter 1.

Agenda Items:

Review 2025 Quarter 1, KPI, Strategies, and Goals

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: Emily Birckhead discussed having sent a technical assistance request to the SAMHSA SPARK Program. They were approved for a Level 1 request which entailed 18 hours of help with gap assessments in housing. They have met four times to date to review existing datasets. They want to determine how to collect referral agency data. The SPARK Program is not going to do the assessment but will assist WVAAR in developing a plan for it. They are submitting an additional request for Level 2 technical assistance help that will give them more time with the team to help with the gap assessment. If SPARK is removed by the government, they will seek funding sources internally or with the First Foundation to develop a survey, but they would like assistance in data interpretation post-survey collection. County by county measures/indicators have not been updated since 2016.
- The group discussed hosting regional listening sessions. Roundtables may be necessary to include populations not usually recognized with supplemental quantitative data. The Fletcher Group Inc. has worked with organizations in North Carolina doing one-on-one key informant interviews and can provide that interview guide for the West Virginia group.
- The group would like to invite Dr. Stephen Loyd to next month's March meeting. If he is unavailable at that date and time, another meeting could be scheduled. The group wants

ODCP's guidance and assistance in completing a few KPIs this year. Bradley McCoy will reach out to ODCP about scheduling.

- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2: The Fletcher Group Inc. has webinars that would apply here. They may just need to be disseminated.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1: Promotion of comprehensive data collection is already occurring. There are new resource portals such as REDCap being navigated with OHFLAC. Discussions are occurring around data collection, common misinterpretations, and how much work is expected for realistic data collection so as to not create further barriers.

March 10th Subcommittee Chair Meeting

- Bradley McCoy explained the purpose of the March 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to be held in Charleston, West Virginia for subcommittee chairs. A virtual option is also available.
- Bob would like to discuss the reentry ecosystem with the Courts and Recovery Subcommittees. The group discussed differences in post-jail reentry plans for those without substance use disorder as well.

Review of Governor's Council Meeting

- Bradley McCoy and Bob Hansen provided an overview of the last two meetings of the Governor's Council in person on December 18, 2024 and virtually on January 15, 2025.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 4, 2025, at 1:00 PM.