

**Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee
Housing Workgroup
January 16, 2023, Approved**

Attendees:

Emily Birckhead, Amber Blankenship, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Julian Levine, Joey McComas, James Phillips, Beverly Sharp, Kristin Tiedeman, Rachel Thaxton

Opening:

Bob Hansen provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve November and December meeting minutes. Emily made the motion for approval and Julian seconded the motion. The objective of this meeting was to review 2023 Quarter 4 progress and finalize the 2024 Housing section of the State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2023 Q4 KPI Progress:

Goal 1

- Strategy 2, KPI 1: Marked as 100% completed. Danny acknowledged the accomplishment and plans to review data points before sharing them with the workgroup.
- Strategy 2, KPI 2b: The completion percentage will be determined once the baseline is established. Emily highlighted that each monthly open call serves as training, along with monthly Fletcher group webinars, totaling 11 completed in 2023.
- Strategy 2, KPI 7: Marked as 15% completed. Matt, Jay, and Bob initiated draft development but progress has been limited. This will carry over to the 2024 KPIs. Additionally, feedback is needed from BBH and ODCP to secure funding for recommendations and explore long-term funding sources.
- Strategy 2, KPI 8: Marked as 80% completed. The white paper, a product of the Fletcher group, was finalized, and it approached non-WVARR facilities in the survey process. Kristin reported the development of an ROI calculator for individual houses, addressing the lack of transparency on

program fees, intake fees, often exceeding \$1000, and the need to cap these fees. Jay highlighted the challenges with missing program fees in his program and emphasized the necessity to identify a long-term funding stream for individuals post-incarceration, with state funding playing a crucial role.

- Strategy 2, KPI 9: Marked as 0% completed. Bob mentioned the application for 2024 SOR funds, specifically allocated for recovery residences, and outlined plans to work on it in the upcoming year. Rachel shared her communication with the SOR office and adult SUD BBH office about increased involvement in subcommittees, indicating that every request can be directed to her until a BBH representative is added to each subcommittee. She will then discuss these requests with Deputy Secretary Mullins, ensuring coordination with BBH.

2024 Planning & State Agency Discussion:

Goal 1

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: The date for completion will be adjusted to March 1, 2024.
- Strategy 1, KPI 5: Danny reports the existence of 112 certified residences. He discussed an Appalachian group with an individual who created a needs assessment model for Ohio and shared examples with him. The workgroup will receive these documents for their evaluation.
- Strategy 1, KPI 6: Emily reports a current count of 1,573 certified beds. Bev proposes obtaining a waiting list and conducting a needs assessment statewide to determine where beds are sufficient and where additional beds are required. Emily discusses the survey of referral programs to understand placement patterns for specific populations (e.g., women and children, sex offenders, individuals with disabilities). She suggests using a list compiled by her and Dr. Christiansen, indicating housing numbers, levels, and population density as a starting point. The target percentage for meeting this KPI is set at 20%.
- Strategy 2, KPI 1: Rachel will inquire about funding for the annual recovery residence conference. Emily emphasizes the importance of prioritizing sufficient planning time this year, acknowledging the success of the previous year.

Additional Business:

- Bev conveyed that the Governor's Council meeting is scheduled for January 17th, and further information on the direction will be provided afterward. She also highlighted that during the December 15th meeting, there were excellent presentations by Johns Hopkins. However, there was a deviation from the initial plan, and the sharing of the 2024 Plan with subcommittee members was deferred.

Next Steps:

- Bob will provide an update on the progress percentage of Q4 Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2b once the numbers are available.
- Danny will distribute the needs assessment models from the Appalachian group to the entire workgroup for evaluation.

- Rachel will gather information on the funding status for the second annual conference.

Adjournment:

Bob expressed his gratitude to all the workgroup members for their participation. The work group is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, February 6th at 1 PM.