

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup Thursday October 31, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Jeb Corey, Bob Hansen, Deb Harris (co-chair), Joshua McGill, Ashley Payne (co-chair), Brie Salmons

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 Thursday October 31, 2024 and was conducted by Zoom conference. January, May, and July, and September meeting minutes were tabled for approval at the next bimonthly meeting in November. This meeting was held to develop the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Review Town Hall Meeting Report

- Bradley McCoy reminded the group of the summary of emerging themes from the Town Hall Meeting Summary Report.

2025 State Plan (Final Draft Due November 15, 2024)

- The group actively worked on the 2025 State Plan. A copy of the 2025 draft plan is included below in the minutes.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: Will be completed.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: Will be completed.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1: Will be updated.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2: Meetings for this will occur.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3: Will be updated.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 1: Alyce Almond has provided this list of resources.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2: Will be completed.
- Goal 3, Strategy 3, KPI 1: This meeting will occur.
- Goal 3, Strategy 3, KPI 2: Will be completed.

Additional Discussion

- None.

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 November 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Goal 2: Increase availability of transportation in order to access prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery services.

~~Strategy 1 Explore innovative models of transportation for individuals with substance use disorder. Based on what is learned about these models and feasibility of addressing existing barriers develop innovative strategies that enable individuals with a substance use disorder to regain the ability to independently transport.~~

~~KPI 1 By June 2024, continue to document written plan with best practices and working models.~~

~~KPI 2 By March 2024, document the funding needs and recommendations of each expansion and share with the Office of Drug Control Policy and Council.~~

Strategy 1 Explore and secure funding opportunities to sustain and expand current transportation models.

KPI 1 By March 31, 2025, identify a list of at least three funding opportunities.

KPI 2 By September 20, 2025, apply and secure funding to sustain and expand current transportation models.

Goal 3: Improve the quality and efficiency of transportation services in West Virginia.

Strategy 1 Provide education on stigma to encourage expansion of community resources.

KPI 1 By March 31, 2025, identify groups to provide with stigma education.

KPI 2 By September 30, 2025, collaborate with the Public Education subcommittee to identify stigma training resources.

KPI 3 By December 31, 2025, have at least two education sessions for community groups such as faith leaders.

Goal 4: Increase employment opportunities and job retention for individuals in recovery for substance use disorders through supported employment, apprenticeships, and programs such as Jobs & Hope West Virginia.

Strategy 1 Assist businesses to employ individuals in recovery.

~~KPI 1 By December 31, 2024, host virtual and in-person training with 25 employers across the state to facilitate recovery friendly workplaces and participate in recovery supportive assessment.~~

KPI 1 By December 31, 2025, continue to host virtual and in-person training with 25 employers across the state to facilitate recovery friendly workplaces.

KPI 2 By December 31, 2025, assess 15 of the 25 employers to determine recovery friendly workplace employability.

KPI 3 By December 31, 2025, collaborate with stigma reduction initiatives to provide education and training to employers to support recovery friendly workplaces.

~~KPI 3 By December 31, 2024, host two statewide employment focused events to strengthen workforce participation and employer recruitment efforts.~~

~~Strategy 2 Provide individuals in recovery with access to resources to assist with small business creation.~~

~~KPI 1 By December 31, 2024, identify resources and organizations that provide resources to individuals in West Virginia.~~

~~KPI 2 By December 31, 2024, host two small business creation workshops.~~

Strategy 2 Sustain existing programs that assist individuals in recovery from substance use disorder to obtain employment, including Jobs & Hope, Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment (CORE), and Restore, Empower & Attain Connections with Hope (REACH). (ODCP, CORE, Jobs & Hope, REACH)

KPI 1 By December 31, 2025, meet bi-annually to revise and review existing plan to increase collaboration and funding among workforce programs.

KPI 2 By December 31, 2025, identify and secure two funding resources to ensure the continuation and expansion of existing workforce programs.