

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Transportation and Employment Workgroup January 17, 2023, Approved

Attendees:

Deb Harris, Nikki Lyttle, Joshua McGill, Ashley Shaw, Jana Stoner, Kristin Tiedeman, Kim Tieman, Rachel Thaxton

Opening:

Ashley Shaw provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement Subcommittee – Transportation and Employment Workgroup. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve December meeting minutes. Kim made the motion for approval and Kristin seconded the motion. The purpose of this meeting was to review 2023 priority strategies for the Employment and Transportation sections of the State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2023 Priority Strategies for the Employment Section:

Goal 3

- Strategy 3, KPI 1: Ashley stated a session has already been hosted with 10-15 employers across the state. Webinars for February, March, and April have been scheduled.
- Strategy 3, KPI 2: Ashley and Bev discussed connecting with the Kentucky and Ohio chambers about their work force models. Once this information is documented, the KPI will be completed.
- Strategy 3, KPI 3: The group has been formed and is scheduled to meet this month to discuss next steps to coordinate the statewide recovery framework initiative.
- Strategy 3, KPI 4: As the statewide employer designation is met, work will be showcased statewide to get other employers on board.
- Strategy 9, KPI 1: A meeting has been scheduled for next Monday, which is subject to change for the written plan.
- Strategy 9, KPI 2: Will be working toward effort through the end of the year to secure funding.

- Kim noted the next full council meeting for the Community Engagement subcommittee has been moved to the first week of February. This is the earliest the employment section of the plan could gain approval.

2023 Priority Strategies for the Transportation Section:

Goal 2

- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Deb and Rachel have met with ModivCare to expand list of independent drivers to take people to and from treatment.
- Strategy 1, KPI 3: Funding will be attached so the workgroup can plan accordingly moving forward.

Additional Business:

- The workgroup will meet bi-monthly to better coordinate the completion of tasks. The meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of every other month.
- Ashley asked that workgroup members invite other individuals who do not already attend workgroup calls but are doing work pertaining to the taskforce to the meetings.
- Josh noted that there is a new provider in the Beckley area to support Beckley and surrounding counties via transportation. He also reported workings of a new transit app for individuals with Medicaid to utilize for increasing mobility.
- Kristin reported that Fletcher Group has funding for 5-6 pilots for an employment coach in recovery housing. They will develop toolkits to identify community resources and sustain the program.
- Rachel introduced a transportation group in the eastern panhandle named “Unplugged” in which people in recovery rideshare to treatment.

Adjournment:

Deb Harris closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. Kristin made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Kim seconded the motion. The workgroup will meet again on Tuesday, March 13th.