

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Transportation and Employment Workgroup September 19, 2023, Approved

Attendees:

Deb Harris, Ashley Shaw, Josh McGill, Brittany Lowter, Brie Salmons, Beverly Sharp, Richard, Kristen Tiedeman, Rachel Thaxton, Jay Phillips, Jonathan (no last name), Chris (no last name)

Opening:

Deb Harris provided welcome and opening remarks for 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, September 19, 2023, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve July meeting minutes. Kristen Tiedeman made a motion to approve, and Bob Sharp seconded. No objections were raised, and the July meeting minutes were approved. The purpose of this meeting was to review the Quarter 3 progress of the Community Engagement Transportation and Employment section of the 2023 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

1. Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes
2. Employment Updates
3. Transportation Updates
4. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Review
5. Other Business and Announcements

Employment/Transportation Updates

- Deb Harris provided an update on the launch of a second chance job fair in Beckley on November 8th.
- Ashley Shaw mentioned the Get Paid to Pay It Forward initiative and called for updates from Josh McGill.

- Josh McGill shared information on the initiative's progress, mentioning an overwhelming response and potential growth.

4. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Review:

- Deb and Ashley reviewed completed KPIs related to transportation, highlighting the expansion of Routes to Recovery and Quick Response Teams.
- They discussed ongoing efforts to document the funding needs for expansion and evaluate the MOV Mobility Management program.

5. Employment Goals:

- Ashley reviewed completed employment goals, including training sessions and collaboration with West Virginia HIRE.
- Discussion on establishing a statewide employer designation for recovery-friendly workplaces, with a focus on creating a menu of options for employers.
- Kristen Tiedeman suggested engaging larger employers and targeting Main Street businesses for the recovery-friendly designation.

Other Business and Announcements:

- Bev Sharp highlighted the importance of the group's efforts and discussed insights gained from recent town hall meetings.
- Ashley Shaw mentioned ProAct's upcoming 5K event in October and invited sponsorships.
- Participants shared updates on various events and expressed their commitment to addressing the needs identified in the plan.

Conclusion:

- The meeting concluded with thanks to participants for their contributions.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November.