Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup Tuesday November 19, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Mike Austin, Jonathan Compton, Jeb Corey, Daniel Gum, Deb Harris (co-chair), Tamara Lee, Ashley Payne (co-chair), Jay Phillips, Brie Salmons
Other Attendees: Leah Cook, Todd Dorcas, Jon Dower, Ashley Alford-Glance, Ann Hammond, Josiah Hannah, Nikki Lyttle, Britney Lowther, Gwyndolyn McGee, Lata Menon,
Invited, Not Attending: Alyce Almond, Terry Baker, Melissa Bias, Amber Blankenship, Laura Boone, Alanna Keller, Keith King, Bob Hansen, Sarah Hess, Joshua McGill, Steve Roberts, Jennifer Rohrig, Lorrie Smith, Lori Thayer, Bev Sharp, Stephanie Stout, Stephanne Thornton, Charlotte Webb
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 Tuesday November 19, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve January, May, July, and September meeting minutes. Jonathan Compton made a motion to approve without changes, and Brie Salmons seconded with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. This meeting was held to finalize 2024 Q4 KPI Progress and the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Membership and Introductions
- The group did introductions for any new members attending. The group also has finally established members for a quorum to approve minutes.

Q4 2024 KPI Progress
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100%, Modivcare, Seed Sowers, and Routes to Recovery have all submitted models of best practice to Deb Harris.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 100%, Modivcare, Seed Sowers, and Routes to Recovery have submitted funds and costs to Deb Harris.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100%

- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 100%
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3: 100%
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 1: 100 %, Alyce Almond has shared small business resources with the group.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2: 50%, the group knows that work in this area is being done but they want the exact numbers. Ashley Payne asked Jay Phillips to see if he can confirm these numbers and provide them back to the co-chairs so this percentage can be updated by the due date.
- Goal 3, Strategy 3, KPI 1: 100%, second biannual meeting is scheduled for December.
- Goal 3, Strategy 3, KPI 2: 100%, funding secured.

2025 State Plan
- The group reviewed the 2025 State Plan with the group after its creation during the October planning meeting.
- The group actively worked on developing an additional Strategy 2 for Goal 3 to address the efficiency of transportation.
- The group discussed how to measure efficiency and decided to identify regional coverage areas for collaboration and potential collection of existing user ratings of transportation.

December Governor's Council Meeting
- Bradley McCoy mentioned to the co-chairs that the group's accomplishments and 2025 State Plan will be presented at the next Governor's Council meeting, and he would keep them up to date on developments for that.

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 January 21, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Transportation

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

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 (experience of riders) 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.

Strategy 2: Identify opportunities to improve efficiency of transportation from rider and provider perspective.

    KPI 1: By March 31, 2025, create a provider network for the purpose of discussing and identifying efficiency of resources.

    KPI 2: By June 30, 2025, identify regions and coverage areas for potential collaboration within provider networks.

Employment
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, 2025, continue to host virtual and in-person trainings with 25 employers across the state to increase the number of existing 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 20 employers to support recovery friendly workplaces.

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, and Restore, Empower & Attain Connections with Hope.

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.