

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup Wednesday, May 28, 2025, Approved**

## **Attendees:**

**Workgroup Members Attending:** Michael Austin, Jeb Corey, Jonathon Compton, Deb Harris (co-chair), Joshua McGill, Ashley Payne (co-chair), Lorrie Smith, Stephanie Thornton

**Workgroup Members Not Attending:** Alyce Almond, Danial Gum, Tamara Lee, Jay Phillips, Brie Salmons

**Other Partners Attending:** Leah Cook, John McBrayer, Kimberly Mundy, Melody Nelson, Jennifer Rohrig, Jonathan Young

**ODCP Staff:** Stephen Loyd

**Marshall University Staff:** Rachel Bledsoe, Bradley McCoy

## **Opening:**

Deb Harris and Ashley Shaw (co-chairs) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Transportation and Employment. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the March 2025 Minutes. Jonathan Compton made a motion to approve without changes, and Stephanie Thornton seconded with all in favor, and none were opposed. There was no further discussion and the minutes were approved. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss progress on 2025 State Plan key performance indicators (KPIs) and to provide an overview of West Virginia Recovery Friendly Workplace virtual trainings.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Q1 Transportation Strategies, Goals, and KPI Progress for End of Quarter 2:**

- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100% In addition to the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission grants identified by Brie Salmons in Quarter 1, Seed Sower and Recovery Point have applied for an ARC Inspire Grant which brings this KPI to completion.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 33%. The Workgroup should receive updates next month about funding and will check in with Leah Cook and Brie Salmons for updates.
- Goal 3, KPI 1: 100% The Workgroup has met with Dr. Lyn O'Connell to identify groups for stigma training.
- Goal 3, KPI 2: 10%. Dr. Lyn O'Connell can provide resources for training.
- Goal 3, KPI 3: 0% The September workforce training will count towards KPI completion.

### **Q1 Employment Strategies, Goals, and KPI Progress:**

- Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 50% A group has met to define what this training will look like. It will be hosted in September during Recovery Month.

- Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 0%, This is reliant on the completion of the KPI 1 training for workplaces.
- Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 3: 10%. Co-chairs, Ashley Payne and Deb Harris met with Dr. Lyn O'Connell, who agreed to provide stigma training during the upcoming September employer trainings.
- Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 1: 50% A group has already met once this year to revise and review existing plans to increase collaboration.
- Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 2: 50% One program has secured additional funding to ensure the continuation of workforce program.

#### **Employer Training Opportunity**

- The chairs, Ashley Payne and Deb Harris, have created a draft agenda for September's West Virginia Recovery Friendly Workplace training. These include Recovery Supportive Workplace, Understanding Substance Use Disorder, Tapping into Resources and Support. Ashley Payne will share an outline, and she invites group participants to volunteer for training modules. Dr. Lyn O'Connell will provide stigma training here as well to meet other KPIs.
- The draft flyer for the event was shared. The group agreed that presenter/participant logos will be added to show the involvement of all organizations participating in the training. Also, a main logo is being created to send to employers so they can be recognized as a West Virginia Recovery Friendly Employer. The group also discussed Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Education Credits being beneficial for employers.

#### **Town Hall Meetings:**

- Bradley McCoy informed the group of the upcoming Town Hall Meetings to take place last week of August and September with virtual dates tentatively planned:
  - Wednesday August 27th 10:00-12:00 (Virtual)
  - Wednesday September 3rd 1:00-3:00 (Virtual)
  - Wednesday September 10th 10:00-12:00 (Virtual)
- Bradley has distributed facilitator recruitment/volunteer information. Additionally, there will be four in-person town hall meetings with Dr. Loyd which will be held regionally (Logan, Wheeling, Berkeley, and Charleston.) Jonathan Young volunteered to assist as a facilitator.

#### **In-Person Group Meeting**

- The regularly scheduled July meeting will be in person. Deb Harris has already secured lunch and room reservations at Mountain State Education Services Cooperative from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All members should RSVP their attendance.

#### **Adjournment:**

Ashley and Deb closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Mountain State Education Services Cooperative in Dunbar, West Virginia.