

## **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee January 10, 2023, Approved**

### **Attendees:**

Stephanie Bond, Deb Koester, Tom Plymale, Judge James Rowe, Justin Smith, Stephanie Thornton (co-chair)

### **Opening:**

Stephanie Thornton (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order at on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve December meeting minutes. Judge Rowe made the motion to approve the minutes and Tom seconded the motion. The purpose of this meeting was to plan for implementation of the 2023 Courts and Justice-Involved Populations section of the State Plan.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **2023 Plan Implementation:**

##### Goal 1

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Justin noted that the MAT map is updated as of November 2022 which may be used for gap analysis. Stephanie mentioned Brad Douglas and Robert Arnold as potential contacts for the March subcommittee meeting. The process for the gap analysis will be a set of key informant interviews.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Amber will be contacted for further discussion on KPI. Stephanie noted that the Office of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities may have relevant data.
- Strategy 2: KPI is inclusive of treatment courts. Stephanie discussed including areas that do not have active day report centers for alternative sentencing. She will send a survey to the DCR directors inquiring about how many referrals were received for alternative sentencing and treatment.

##### Goal 2

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Adjusted language to “identify and develop strategies to address barriers”. Stephanie stated a meeting has been conducted with legal aide to identify barriers and an overview expungement forms. The subcommittee discussed holding key stakeholder interviews with Jobs & Hope, legal aide, and courts to address how to overcome barriers.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Judge Rowe stated that in an abuse and neglect case noted that a criminal record and/or finding of neglect and abuse without record is often a barrier for jobs and returning children to homes even after sustained sobriety and recovery. Adjusted language to "address criminal record expungement and adjudication for certain offenses”.
- Strategy 2: LSCMI and interviews with CORE may be used as a tool for needs assessment and responding to risk. The CORE representative, Ashley, on the Community Engagement subcommittee, Deb, and Michelle Akers will be contacted to attend the next subcommittee meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Stephanne will reach out to Deb and Ashley to attend the next subcommittee meeting. She closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. Stephanie made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom seconded the motion. The subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.