



Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee January 9, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Stephanie Bond, Sam Hess (partial attendance), Justin Smith, Stephanie Thornton (chair)

Opening:

Stephanie Thornton (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 9, 2024 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve October, November, and December meeting minutes, and they were tabled for the next meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to review 2023 Quarter 4 progress and discuss 2024 implementation of the State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Review of Q4 KPI Progress and Accomplishments

Goal 1

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Marked at 75% completion, with documented gaps that have yet to be addressed for closure.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Marked at 50% completion, with documented gaps but lacking established processes and procedures. However, telehealth from incarceration to community providers is one operation procedure. Stephanie Bond will identify DCR personnel involved in transition services for individuals released from incarceration. Considered inviting Ann or Danika Brown from Corrections to the next month's meeting.
- Strategy 2, KPI 1 and 2: Marked at 0% completion, highlighting the existence of opportunities for alternative sentencing that require greater application to judges, magistrates, and the courts overall. A menu of options will be presented as part of this year's plan.
- Strategy 2, KPI 3: Achieved 100% completion, featuring insights from Gary on LEAD and Bradley on Jail Bill counties. Stephanie Bond also highlighted discussions on treatment courts and community corrections. Maps of recovery housing are included in this KPI.

Goal 2

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Currently at 50% completion, the team has identified and examined the existing barriers to expungement. However, they have yet to address or overcome these barriers. Stephanie is in the process of sending an email to the law school to ensure that rulemaking aligns with the practical application of the intended law. The goal is to assess the most effective approach to expungement and evaluate the current law's functionality, considering various interpretations (such as one charge, one county, one circuit, etc.).
- Strategy 2, KPI 2: Achieving 100% completion, Stephanie highlighted their previous discussions with Ashley Shaw and Deb Harris from CORE, Jobs & Hope, and the Chamber of Commerce, resulting in the availability of valuable information. Jobs & Hope is offering reimbursements for hiring individuals with a background in criminal justice. Stephanie also mentioned their efforts in referring individuals to the Division of Rehab Services.

2024 Plan Implementation

- Stephanie presented agencies that appear to be linked to the KPIs. She emphasized that if anyone has alternative ideas or suggestions for state agencies capable of advancing these KPIs, they should reach out, and the suggested agencies will be considered for inclusion.
- Additionally, Stephanie highlighted two upcoming KPIs with a due date of March 31, 2024, signaling the commencement of work by the subcommittee on these objectives.
- Stephanie Bond informed the group that Gary Krushansky has distributed a map of West Virginia indicating the current locations of the LEAD teams and their expansion plans. She shared this information with the group. Stephanie underscored the relevance of this data to a specific KPI aiming to create a resource guide for the two Jail Bill counties. She noted that there is substantial data on cost-savings, which can be utilized to support and justify both the information and the expansion efforts.

Next Steps:

- Stephanie Bond intends to contact Ann from DCR, extending an invitation for her to attend the subcommittee meeting in February.
- Stephanie Thornton will pass on the 2024 Plan involving state agencies to Carly.

Adjournment:

Stephanie closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on February 13th at 10 am.