

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee March 14, 2023, Approved

Attendees:

Amber Blankenship, Deb Koester, Gary Krushansky, Tom Plymale, Justin Smith, Stephanie Thornton (co-chair),

Opening:

Stephanne 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, March 14, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve February's meeting minutes. They have been tabled for the next subcommittee meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to review 2023 implementation planning and KPI outputs for the Courts section of the State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2023 Implementation Planning and Review of KPI Outputs:

Goal 1

- Strategy 1, KPI 2: The guest speakers next month may act as a source to create a gap analysis and identify what information they are collecting, how are the collecting it, and the point of contact to receive the information. Deb suggested providing a set of questions for the gap analysis in advance and conducting a focus group with guest speakers. Follow-up key informant interviews may be identified.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Amber noted that linkage to community treatment should be provided and during incarceration and following release. Deb reminded subcommittee members that the gap analysis will have to carefully constructed and appropriate due to the public nature of the meetings. Justin noted there is currently not DCR data on the ODCP dashboard. Subcommittee members discussed repeating a research study performed in 2016 documenting overdoses upon DCR release as part of the gap analysis.

- Strategy 2, KPI 1: Stephanie will connect with Stephanie Bond related to the type of cases related to the Day Report programs, but it still remains unclear how to measure why or why not individuals are being sent to Day Report or other community corrections. Additionally, community corrections may be doing this work, but referral to treatment remains insufficient. Stephanie noted that three distinct intercepts need to be addressed under this KPI. Stephanie discussed Rule 46G that allows bi-monthly meetings to review individuals who may use treatment as a condition of bond, emphasizing the promotion of this rule across all circuits to enable a warm hand off. Tom noted there is a practicality issue with meetings at most facilities. The creation of a gap analysis for insufficient treatment may be performed by identifying circuits who do not have this rule in practice or if existing universally, gaps beyond that. Stephanie noted baselines from each of the three intercepts should be established to observe existing gaps and will reach out to her contacts.
- Strategy 2, KPI 3: No new LEAD programs were established in the first quarter of 2023. Gary will start collecting data from Southern Highlands to see outcomes of the treatment program.

Goal 2

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Housing and transportation were discussed as main barriers that supports need to be put in place. Deb Harris pointed to the NH Friendly Workplace Initiative at the last meeting specific to recovery but could be expansive to challenges to getting hired. Deb Koester suggested creating an executive summary from the speakers from the previous meeting, as well as an impact/effort matrix for each of the barriers identified. The audience for this may be the Community Engagement subcommittee.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: Deb has supports that can conduct further research to advance this KPI.
- Strategy 2, KPI 2: Amber and Stephanie are working separately to advance this KPI. Amber notes she has the results from the speed hiring event in Logan as an output: 12 employers and 33 hires.
- Strategy 2, KPI 3: Examples of promotion (who/where) can be used as outputs, including the speed hiring event. Amber notes 7 of the speed hiring events will occur throughout the state. She will reach out to Deb Harris for the schedule and to speak to the subcommittee after the end of the events. A "Lessons Learned" document may be created at the end of meetings to be shared.

Additional Business:

- Amber will secure a contact from Workforce to speak at an upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Adjournment:

Guest speakers Dr. Amjad and Medina Prue from DCR/GOALS Program will be present at the next meeting. Stephanie closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. Stephanie made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Amber seconded the motion. The subcommittee will meet again on April 11th, 2023 at 10 AM.