

# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee July 9, 2024, Approved

## Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members:** Misty Atkins, Lata Menon, Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Justin Smith, Yolanda Sowards, Dina Williams, Kevin Williams

**Staff:** Bradley McCoy

## Opening:

Shawn Schwertfeger (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Law Enforcement Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday July 9, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve June meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Lata Menon's name in the list of attendees. Kevin Williams made the motion for approval and Misty Atkins seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with all in favor, and none opposed. The purpose of this meeting was to review the presentation slides for the July meeting of the Governor's Council and provide updates on KPI progress.

## Agenda Items:

### Review of July 17th PowerPoint Content for Governor's Council

- Bradley McCoy shared the PowerPoint created by Chief Schwertfeger for the Governor's Council meeting. For Goal 2, Justin Smith may be able to provide some additional information about the technical glitches experienced by law enforcement in their drug data reporting and tools. Justin will get that information to Bradley to add to the PowerPoint as soon as possible.
- Chief Schwertfeger emphasized that next year the group should add goals and strategies about Crisis Intervention Team training.

### Review General KPI Progress

- Lata Menon reached out to the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute about their 15-minute training on naloxone for officers. While some police agencies may not need naloxone distributed to them due to preexisting partnerships, they would still need the training. This training is brief and can be completed on one's own time. Justin Smith has also talked with Dr. Lindsay Acree about how to make Narcan training easier.
- Handle With Care is restructuring. Misty Atkins is deciding where and how to go about in-person training. Trainings would be one day for 4-8 hours with speakers on relevant topics such as social work and drug trends. Chief Schwertfeger offered the Wheeling Police Department's training room at no cost but also recommended that she reach out to Clarksburg/Bridgeport, Martinsburg, Beckley, Parkersburg, and Huntington to cover the

entire state. Kevin Williams also offered to include Angel Initiative training in the Handle With Care training and will be reaching out to Misty about how they can do that.

- Lata Menon will report the number of officers who attend the CIT Summit at the end of the month.

**Reminder of Town Hall Meetings and Fall Plan Due November 15, 2024**

- Bradley McCoy provided a reminder about the Town Hall Meetings occurring every Wednesday in August and that the subcommittee's final plan will be due November 15, 2024.

**Additional Discussion**

- The group discussed OD Map data. Currently law enforcement is mandated by state legislation to report overdoses. However, EMS is also mandated to report overdoses and usually provides a more in-depth report. Requiring law enforcement to report on overdoses can lead to duplication of documentation although there are systems in place that try to detect this. This situation may not be reflected in every county and especially not the more rural ones. The Subcommittee recommended additional future discussion about streamlining OD Map reporting.

**Adjournment:**

The Chief closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on August 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM.