



Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee October 10, 2023, Approved

Attendees:

Adam Crawford, Gary Krushansky, Chad Napier (co-chair), Shawn Schwertfeger, Justin Smith

Opening:

Chad Napier (co-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, October 10, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve September meeting minutes. Adam made the motion to approve, and Shawn seconded the motion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Quarter 3 progress and identify priority areas for 2024 planning for the Law Enforcement section of the State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Q3 KPI Progress

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: The workgroup comprised of Chief Hunt and Andrea Darr, who are in the process of leaving the subcommittee, makes it challenging to make progress on this particular goal. Establishing a new workgroup is necessary to move forward.
- Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1: The Handle With Care Conference has been successfully conducted, achieving a 100% completion rate.
- Justin will forward the Quarter 3 percentage updates for Goal 3 to Carly.

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- The Handle With Care program lacks attention among participants. With Andrea transitioning to a federal position, improvement is expected, although it has historically been a challenge, even with two full-time employees. Increased funding is anticipated as the program expands nationally. Justin proposed introducing the program to new law enforcement officers during their initial training. Chad noted ongoing discussions about employing someone at ODCP for this role, and Gary has drafted a statement of work pending funding.

- Continuing anti-stigma training for law enforcement is another concern. Chad mentioned Rachel's involvement in this training, especially with state police. Gary he plans to contact her for updates.
- Updating data for the next year, including tracking the number of training attendees and other relevant information, was emphasized.
- Concerns were raised about the underutilization of OD maps, primarily due to inconsistent reporting by law enforcement. Integration with hospital data is expected to enhance reporting but overdoses not involving hospital visits still go unrecorded. Justin highlighted technical issues caused by changes in software and the ongoing efforts to rectify them. Additionally, a required checklist with questions about naloxone administration is being developed to facilitate overdose identification. Justin observed that law enforcement primarily use OD maps for hotspot identification rather than data entry. Quick Response Teams are the primary users. Shawn and Adam noted that while most naloxone-treated individuals are transported to the ED, some refuse, and the QRT medics follow up to encourage treatment acceptance.
- Justin acknowledged that slow data input sometimes leads to delayed spike reports, and efforts are underway to improve data timeliness.
- An obstacle to law enforcement entering OD information is that they are not always called to overdose scenes, unlike EMS. Chad suggested that a change in the law may be needed to address this issue.

Additional Discussion

- In the September meeting, Chad mentioned that the subcommittee discussed the need to expand its membership following the departure of Chief Tyke Hunt and Andrea Darr. He proposed that adding a representative from either the FOP Association or the Troopers Association would be a valuable addition, as they could serve as a reliable contact for information dissemination. Subcommittee members expressed their agreement, and Shawn volunteered to reach out to both organizations to identify a suitable member. Gary also pointed out that there had been changes within the Angel Initiative, and it might be beneficial to establish contact there as well. Shawn offered to take the initiative in reaching out.
- Chad stressed to the subcommittee members the importance of communicating if they ever feel overwhelmed or burnt out and encouraged them not to overextend themselves by participating in too many board organizations.

Next Steps

- Obtain Quarter 3 data for Goal 3 from Justin to include in the quarterly report.
- Gary will reach out to Rachel to inquire about anti-stigma training for the academy.
- Shawn will initiate contact potential new subcommittee members for the year 2024.

Adjournment:

Chad closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. Adam made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Chad seconded the motion. The subcommittee will meet again in November.