

Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: One Davis Square, 321 Capitol Street, Offices of the Secretary, Conference Room 100, Charleston, WV 25301

Present:

Secretary Crouch, Brian Gallagher, General Hoyer, Secretary Sandy, Bob Hansen, Christina Mullins, Diana Whitlock, Betsy Jividen, Thomas Plymale, Colonel Krushansky, Phillip Cantrell, Russell Crane, Via Phone: Mike Stuart, Matt Boggs, Dr. Marsh, Dr. Berry, Dr. Kilkenny, Kathy Flint, Dr. Mock, Dr. Coben, Dr. Becker, Dr. Slempp, Amy Saunders

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

Ethics Commission Filing

The Chair discussed the need to file Ethics Commission Reports by Council Members and circumstances of the same.

Discussion of potential MAT legislation

The Council heard an overview of proposed MAT legislation and was given a handout to review. Discussion was had.

It was moved and carried that the Council support the proposed MAT legislation. Mr. Stuart deferred his vote on all matters regarding legislation.

Reports on Recent Activities

Christina Mullins of Bureau for Behavior Health reported on the status of current initiatives through her Bureau.

With regards to the \$28 Million State Opioid Response Grant (SOR), the agreements are near final - the DMAPS agreement is final. Announcements of Funding Availability (AFA) for treatment and PEERs have been published. Some staff has been hired, a few positions are still open.

Bob Hansen of the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) reported on the status of projects and initiatives his office is working on including finalizing the strategic plan which has now been submitted to the legislature. They continue to work with the two pilot counties.

ODCP is working with the Courts on training all probation officers in the use of Naloxone and will be working with Justice Jenkins on training at the spring judicial conference.

ODCP is also working with the Pew Trust and Johns Hopkins on Technical Assistance.

Several offers of assistance were advanced from members of the Council.

Jim's Dream Explanation

General Hoyer gave an overview of Jim's Dream which is an initiative that matches individuals in recovery with job training. Bridge Valley and Ticketmaster are being considered as pilots. Discussion was had about different pieces of legislation involved and facets of this program.

Establishment and Formulation of Subcommittees

Discussion was had about the number and make-up of the proposed subcommittees. Council members expressed the desire to include individuals in recovery. Colonel Krushansky was asked to review the ODCP Strategic Plan and make recommendations for subcommittees based upon that document.