

Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Date: December 18, 2019

Start Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: One Davis Square
Suite 100, East
Charleston, WV
Conference Room 134

Present: Brian Gallagher, Secretary Sandy, Diana Whitlock, Thomas Plymale, Betsy Jividen, John Boggs, Deborah Koester, Robert Hansen, Rachel Thaxton, Christina Mullins, Dr. Kilkenny, LTC-R Krushansky, Dr. Petrany, Secretary Crouch, Dora Radford, Dr. Boisvert, Dr. Marsh, Dr. Slemp, Kim Tieman and Dr. Becker.

Absent: Dr. Mock, Dr. Shapiro, Michael Stuart, Sheriff Bohrer, General Hoyer, Dr. Berry, Amy Saunders and Dr. Coben.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Crouch, seconded by Dr. Slemp, moved the approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting. The motion carried and the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Strategic Plan

Chairman Gallagher gave an introduction and outline of the prioritization process for the final version of the West Virginia 2020-2022 Substance Use Response Plan (Plan).

The Council next heard presentations from each of the Subcommittee Chairs on their respective sections of the Plan.

Changes were noted as follows:

- Community Engagements and Supports
 - Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1, 50% was changed to 25%.
 - Goal 1, Strategy __, KPI 1, was changed to one year.
 - Goal 3, Strategy 7, the Council felt this language could be seen as limiting.
- Health Systems
 - Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2, 10% was added as a deliverable.
- Law Enforcement
 - Changes were needed to add/emphasize Naloxone training, to change wording and combine strategies.
 - Dr. Slemp will collaborate with the chair and Plan facilitator after the meeting.

- The Accomplishments section, located in Appendix A, will be expanded to include other agencies and entities.
 - A date/time period will be added.
 - Language about the regional meetings will be added.
- Ann Thomas will be added to the list of Subcommittee members for Court Systems.
- Prior to the legislative session a Stigma reduction plan will be added.

Discussion was had surrounding responsibility for the actions in the plan.

Dr. Kilkenny, seconded by John Boggs, moved the acceptance of the Plan as amended. The motion carried and the amended Plan was accepted.

Updates

- BBH
 - Several AFAs will be released shortly.
 - A carryover request has been submitted for the SOR funds.
 - Award letters are being drafted for STLR and funds have been added to allow for more applicants.
 - Second round AFAs will be released for STLR and Recovery Housing after the holidays.
 - Secretary Crouch requested data on treatment beds throughout the state.
- ODCP
 - Jobs and Hope now has 1200 referrals and 700 participants.
 - Peer Recovery Specialists are being recruited.
 - The OD dashboard will be going public after the first of the year.
- BPH
 - Naloxone is being distributed throughout the state.
 - Family planning programs are being developed for high risk populations.
 - Birth score surveillance on NAS and Hep-C is now being shared with pediatricians to identify at risk children.
- BMS
 - Residential treatment beds are being expanded under the 115 SUD waiver program along with suboxone providers and peer support specialists.
 - Counties without suboxone providers are being targeted for expansion.
 - Dosages and trends in prescribing are being monitored under the 115 waiver.
- Reclaim WV
 - Vaping is increasing in youth with the majority getting the products from a friend at school.
 - Education is being provided to faculty throughout the state on evidence-based prevention and compassion fatigue.
 - Policies addressing vaping are in development.

- A survey is being developed in conjunction with local communities to compile information on prevention programs around the state.

The Council discussed the need to monitor the success of treatment programs. Barriers to achieving this goal include inconsistent data collection and lack of universal agreement on measure(s) of success.

Discussion was had on next steps in addressing the substance use disorder epidemic along with the indicators that will be used to measure progress.

The Chair requested input from the Council on pending or suggested legislation. The Board of Pharmacy is planning to advance legislation on Naloxone distribution.

The council discussed the meetings schedule for 2020.

- Meetings will be pre-scheduled, noticed and calendared for the rest of the year.
- A meeting will be held halfway through legislative session, on or about February 10, to review legislative progress.
- The remainder of the meetings will be scheduled for two hours every other month beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.