

Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Wednesday, February 27, 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, Secretary Sandy, Diana Whitlock, Catherine Slem, Christina Mullins, Dr. Mock, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Marsh, Dr. Boisvert, Thomas Plymale, Sheriff Bohrer, Matt Boggs, Dr. Petrany, Betsy Jividen, Dr. Becker, Dr. Berry, Amy Saunders, Brian Gallagher, Kathy D'Antoni, Conor Griffith, Lyn O'Connell, Allison Adler, Dora Radford, Michael Coleman, Lt. Col. Krushansky.

Absent:

Dr. Kilkenny, Michael Stuart, Senator Maroney, Delegate Ellington, General Hoyer, Kim Barber Tieman, Dr. Coben

Approval of Minutes

It was MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED that the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting be approved.

Update on Legislation

Chairperson Gallagher gave the group an overview of current legislative initiatives.

Discussion on Medicaid work requirements

The group discussed House Bill 3136 regarding Medicaid work requirements and its possible impact on those seeking treatment and in recovery.

DHHR report on Recent Activities

Christina Mullins of Bureau for Behavioral Health reported that they: received many responses to the recently released Announcements of Funding Availability, continued to interview for the few remaining federal grant positions and reported that there was to be a grand opening of one of the facilities funded by Ryan Brown at WVU on that Friday. Dr. Slem of Bureau for Public Health reported that they: have money for five Quick Response Teams through their CDC Opiate Crisis Response Grant and reported that preliminary data suggests methamphetamine overdoses have increased by over 100%.

OCDP report on Recent Activities

Robert Hansen of Office of Drug Control Policy reported that: Statements of Work were being developed for both of the Governor's Pilot Counties, had been working with the Supreme Court

to institute Family Treatment Courts, working with Day Report Centers to carry Naloxone, working with the Helpline on where they see gaps, working on changing data reporting requirements to 72 hours through Senate Bill 520 and working with the Association of Behavioral Health Provider Committee.

Update on three medical schools initiative

Lyn O'Connell of Marshall University reported to the group on the collaboration between West Virginia Medical Schools through the State Opioid and State Targeted Response Grants. This program plans to: survey providers regarding barriers to providing Medication Assisted Treatment, move forward with ASAM and provide financial incentives to providers for implementing the same and tool curricula towards CORE competency.

MAT Pilot Project in Corrections

Betsy Jividen of Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported that Western Regional jail is participating in a pilot MAT program with 32 beds and 1 psychotherapist. The program uses the Hazleton Curriculum and employs PEER recovery coaches from the incarcerated population.

Technical Assistance offer by PEW Charitable Trust and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Robert Hansen of Office of Drug Control Policy reported that at no charge, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health was working to narrow the scope of work on an implementation plan to assist with the opioid crisis and help with strategic planning. This is expected to be complete within the next 30 days.

Establishment and Formulation of Subcommittees

The group reviewed the draft proposed subcommittees and discussed the same.

Review of actions steps and meeting schedule

It was MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED that the proposed meeting schedule be adopted.

Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.