

Meeting Minutes

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Friday, January 4, 2019

Start Time: 10:05 a.m.

Location: Conference Rooms B10/11, Diamond Building

Present:

Bill Crouch, Jeff Sandy, Diana Whitlock (for Steven Paine), Dr. Catherine Slemm, Christina Mullins, Dr. Allen Mock, Dr. Joseph Shapiro, Dr. Craig Boisvert, Michael Stuart, Martha White (for Delegate Ellington), Dr. Stephen Petrany, Dr. James Becker, Dr. James Berry, Dr. Michael Kilkenny, Amy Saunders, Brian Gallagher, Kim Barber Tieman and Robert Hansen.

Absent:

Dr. Clay Marsh, Betsy Steinfeld Jividen, Senator Mike Maroney, Thomas Plymale, KC Bohrer, General James Hoyer, Matt Boggs and Dr. Jeffrey Coben.

Welcome

Brian Gallagher, Chair of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, welcomed the Council and guests.

Introductions

Council members introduced themselves. The Chair requested that Council members send a brief bio to Dora.L.Radford@wv.gov.

Overview of Council functions and structure (including nominations for subcommittees)

The Chair gave a power point presentation outlining the Council functions and structure, including procedures for setting up subcommittees and nominating members of the same.

New Director of Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Robert Hansen, Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, briefed the Council on current and planned projects for ODCP.

Regular meeting dates and times

The Chair opened the meeting to discussion of frequency and timing of future meetings. The group proposed one-hour meetings held early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Members expressed concerns over long-distance travel. Alternatives to in-person meetings were discussed.

Presentations from DHHR

Cabinet Secretary Bill Crouch, DHHR, began the presentations by relaying the history of the Office of Drug Control Policy along with current funding.

Dr. Cathy Slemple, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health, gave a power point presentation on the Substance Use Disorder Epidemic and Activities of the Bureau and their partners.

Christina Mullins, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health, gave a power point presentation to update the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment current initiatives.

Cynthia Beane, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Medical Services gave a power point presentation on the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver.

Jolynn Marra, Director of DHHR's Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification, gave a presentation on current regulations, including OBMAT, for those providing Substance Use Disorder services in West Virginia.

Deputy Secretary Jeremiah Samples gave a power point presentation on child welfare in West Virginia.

Initiatives around the State

Garrett Moran gave a power point presentation on current initiatives at West Virginia University.

Amy Saunders gave a power point presentation on current initiatives at Marshall University.

Priorities and Direction

The group discussed priorities for the Council including, but not limited to, reducing overdose fatalities, getting those suffering from SUD back into the work force, improving and expanding access to treatment, addressing the mental health needs of teachers and students that are affected by SUD, increasing prevention efforts and reducing stigma.

Overview and Strategic Plan

Nancy Sullivan gave an overview of the draft Strategic Plan. The Council discussed potential directions for the plan moving forward.

Legislative Agenda Review

The Council reviewed the meeting handout and discussed proposed legislative initiatives. The Council requested more detail on some of the proposed legislations and expressed reservations about providing Fentanyl test strips due to unreliability. In addition to those items on the

handout, the Council discussed changing the student curriculum in the State to include SUD education and will look at different programs. They also discussed foster care group support and initiatives to reduce stigma.

Other Business

Mr. Stuart qualified his service on the Council by limiting his role to issues that do not interfere with executing his duties as Prosecuting Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Secretary Crouch handed over responsibility for finalization of the Strategic Plan to the Council which was accepted by Chair Gallagher.

The Council discussed overdose data and where it is currently housed within different state and federal agencies.

DMAPS reported that it will launch a pilot project at the Western Regional Jail to continue MAT for those in corrections along with several other initiatives for SUD.

Action Items Next Meeting

Send a brief bio to Dora.L.Radford@wv.gov.

Select sub-committees and choose three to five participants for each.

Review the draft Strategic Plan for submission to the Legislature.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.