

Meeting Minutes

Pregnant and Parenting Women Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Tuesday December 17, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Tameran Asbury, Janine Breyel, Sandra Cline, Rebecca Crowder, David Didden, Rhonda Edmunds, Amna Haque, Kelly Lemon, Dr. Stefan Maxwell (chair), Cody Smith, Randy Venable

Invited, Not Attending: Jostin Holmes, Kristy Richardson-Ohlis, Nikki Lyttle, Amy Tolliver

ODCP Staff: Jessica Smith

Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Dr. Stefan Maxwell (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday December 17, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve both sets of October 2024 meeting minutes. Randy Venable made a motion to approve without changes, and Janine Breyel seconded with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the December 18th meeting of the Governor's Council and document 2024 Q4 KPI Progress.

Agenda:

December 18th Meeting of the Governor's Council

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the December 18, 2025 meeting of the Governor's Council.

Review 2024 Accomplishments, State Plan 2025, and Introduction Paragraph

- Dr. Stefan Maxwell and Janine Breyel had already worked with Bradley McCoy to submit subcommittee accomplishments to present to the Governor's Council. These were shared with the group for discussion.
- The group actively made edits to the 2025 State Plan Introduction Paragraph so that it now reads as follows: "The formation of the Pregnant and Parenting Subcommittee within the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment responds to the urgent need to address the alarming rates of prenatal substance exposure, and the effects on the mother/baby dyad. This epidemic necessitates a focused effort to create a safer and healthier space for women seeking treatment and recovery resources for both them and their children."

Q4 KPI Progress

- The group actively worked on filling out their percentages of completion for each KPI.
- The group discussed the information they have gotten from the Housing Workgroup related to recovery residences for pregnant and parenting women, their bed availability, and how their reported numbers represent children. There has been conflicting information about this in circulation. According to OHFLAC, babies count as a person and toward the total bed count for treatment. There needs to be clear communication about this in the future.
- The group discussed how educational campaigns are needed to help providers address marijuana usage in pregnant people as well as all patients and make patients more open to counseling to address misconceptions around marijuana.

Additional Discussion

- Dr. David Didden is in communication with Sharon Hill and Teresa Marks (Bureau for Public Health) about the timeline for their regression analysis on screening. The group acknowledged that the survey and communication from the West Virginia Perinatal Partnership is meeting this subcommittee's KPIs related to understanding and encouraging screening.
- Dr. David Didden shared a link via email of Robyn Seamon's continuing education talk on improving outcomes through awareness and understanding of native Appalachian culture.
<https://wvumdtv.zoom.us/j/91700987000>

Adjournment:

Dr. Maxwell closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again next month.