

Meeting Minutes

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

Friday August 23, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Janine Breyel, Rebecca Crowder, Dr. David Didden, Rhonda Edmunds, Amna Haque, Dr. Stefan Maxwell (chair), and Dr. Cody Smith
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 August 23, 2024 at 10 AM, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the July meeting minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss general KPI progress and determine a timeline of work for Quarter 4.

Agenda:

Town Hall Meetings

- The group discussed how most participants that have joined the PPW breakout during the town hall meetings have voiced the same concerns as the Subcommittee has and is aware of. The conversations have primarily been about cannabis however as the substance of concern, rather than opioids and meth which is something to note.

Review KPI Progress, General Updates, and Plans

- Goal 1, Strategy 1: The group will invite Sharon Hill (Bureau for Public Health) to a future meeting to give updates on her work. Corrine Lalama from the West Virginia Perinatal Partnership has started the screening survey; however, there is not a determined end date of completion. Preliminary findings are that most providers/practices use the PRSI for screening.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1: This KPI did not require key informant interviews because they have received the necessary information from the Housing Workgroup. There is a document that breaks down recovery residences for those who are pregnant and those who are parents with children requiring housing and includes a map. The Subcommittee is awaiting new legislation and implementation to determine the next steps. The group would like to invite Rachel Thaxton or Bob Hansen to a future meeting to talk more about the current landscape of recovery residences in West Virginia.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2: The Subcommittee needs to review the document and map mentioned above in KPI 1 and develop a one-pager summary with next steps.

- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3 and 4: The information from the Town Hall Meetings will be collected and recommendations for next steps will be developed.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1: a list of potential funding sources will meet the requirements of the KPI. The group discussed that they would like to make a final decision on the educational campaign type they choose before seeking funding for it. They would like to talk to Dr. Matt Christiansen and Jonathan Board from the First Foundation about this in the future. The group discussed potential types of educational campaigns such as webinars and video clips that play in various healthcare settings. If they decide on healthcare setting videos, they will have to determine the scope of willingness and capability. Dr. David Didden is currently working on Emergency Department/primary care stigma reduction videos.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2: This information already exists. The group just needs to decide how to make it into a distributable format and the ensuing process.

Fall Planning (Final Plan Due November 15, 2024)

- The next meeting of the PPW Subcommittee will be on Wednesday October 2nd and it will be two hours long as the Subcommittee will not meet in September. This meeting will focus on development of the Subcommittee's 2025 plan.
- Dr. Stefan Maxwell will complete the Q3 Progress Report in September.
- The final 2025 State Plan must be submitted by November 15, 2024.

Additional Discussion

- The Perinatal Summit is taking place in October. The Perinatal Partnership will disseminate registration information to stakeholders. The SUD Advisory Group and Maternal Mental Health Groups are hosting a conjoined meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, and Dr. Stefan Maxwell will hopefully get the chance to update them on the work of this Subcommittee.

Adjournment:

Dr. Maxwell closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again on October 2, 2024.