

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee November 18, 2021, Approved

Attendees:

Tammy Collins, Brian Gallagher, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes, Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Greg Puckett, Amy Saunders (CoChair), Jessica Smith, Nikki Tennis, Deb Koester, Elizabeth Shahan

Opening:

Amy Saunders, Co-Chair, provided welcome and opening remarks of this regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021 and was conducted by Zoom conference.

Approval of Minutes:

Amy Saunders asked if subcommittee members had reviewed the minutes from the October meeting and if there were any questions. As there were no questions she asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Puckett made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Stephanie Hayes with all in favor and none opposed and the minutes were approved.

Agenda Items

Amy Saunders then facilitated a review of the Prevention section of the State Plan and Quarter 3 progress. The following is a summary of the discussion.

Town Hall Meeting (THM): Deb will prepare a full summary of the feedback obtained from the recent Town Hall Meeting. The online survey will remain open through December 16, 2021. Discussion and reflection on the THM based on those who attended was that prevention must focus on all ages and all substances.

2022 Plan Introduction: Deb was asked to share the original 3 year plan introduction with the subcommittee, which has also been provided below. The subcommittee will review and update.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Benjamin Franklin said. While West Virginia is devoting substantial resources to helping its citizens in the throes of substance use disorder, the state must stem the circumstances that lead to substance use disorder by reducing [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) (ACEs) (i.e., all types of abuse, neglect, and other potentially traumatic experiences that occur to people under the age of 18 with lasting impacts into adulthood) and improve the [social determinants of health](#) (i.e., conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect health and quality of life). The consequences of the use of tobacco

and electronic nicotine delivery systems are also well known to West Virginians, yet residents continue to use these in alarming numbers. Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of premature death and disease. West Virginia will aggressively continue to address these problems by implementing evidence-based [prevention](#) efforts with partners across the state—public and private, state and local—to improve the wellness and futures of our children, youth, adults, and families.

Additional THM Discussion: There was additional discussion regarding the THM included the need to add hyperlinks throughout the Prevention section of the plan, that coalitions and primary prevention can get lost, the possibility of adding prevention of communicable disease. This would be dependent on if it already exists in the plan (i.e., under Health Systems) or should be built out. Finally, there was discussion on the need to consider policy development to increase the minimum age for smoking to 21 years.

Review of 2022 Plan: The subcommittee reviewed the 2022 plan in its entirety to identify what the measurable outcome would be for each KPI with the discussion reflected below.

Goal 1:

- Strategy 1, KPI 1 – The talking points will serve as the document of record. Each lead will talk to 50% of their delegates at a minimum.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2 – The question was asked if there would be individual meetings with legislators in advance of Prevention Day at the Legislature. Coalitions will do so in advance and distribute flyers to promote the day. Seth will provide training on advocacy. Prevention Day will be January 12, 2022. Flyer will be ready by December holidays.
- Strategy 2, KPI 1 – Documentation for completion will include the Prevention Resource Warehouse as well as meeting minutes upon request,
- Strategy 2, KPI 2 – Documentation includes list of mentors available upon request from Tammy Collins.
- Strategy 2, KPI 3 – agendas and meeting minutes available upon request
- Strategy 2, KPI 4 – lists are available for all 12 sectors for each region
- Strategy 3, KPI 1 – white paper will serve as the documentation
- Strategy 3, KPI 2 – recommendations from the report will be used
- Strategy 4, KPI 1 – trainings and the 2022 annual conference will be the documentation used to demonstrate this KPI

Goal 2

- Strategy 1, KPI 2 – Recording and flyers for trainings will be used
- Strategy 2, KPI 1 – subcommittee will use the survey tool
- Strategy 2, KPI 2 – survey responses and recommendations
- Strategy 3, KPI 1 – need designated coalitions in each county; discuss again in Dec. AFA is product to demonstrate completion

Goal 3

- Strategy 1, KPI 1 – guidance document and minutes
- Strategy 2, KPI 1 – listing of group members
- Strategy 2, KPI 2 – SOP on data and regional/state updates
- Strategy 2, KPI 4 – Google docs
- Strategy 2, KPI 5 – survey tool and results

Goal 4

- Strategy 3, KPI 1 – minutes and flyers

Goal 5

- Strategy 1, KPI 1 – training events;
- Strategy 2, KPI 1 – Naloxoboxes

Adjournment

Amy Saunders closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The next scheduled meeting of this subcommittee will be Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.