

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday April 17, 2025, *Unapproved***

## **Attendees:**

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Tahnee Bryant, Christina Chill, Tammy Collins, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan

**Invited, Not Attending:** Michele Bowles, Greg Puckett, Gig Robinson,

**Marshall University Staff:** Rachel Bledsoe and Bradley McCoy

## **Opening:**

Amy Saunders (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Prevention Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 17, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the March meeting minutes. Nancy Hoffman made a motion to approve without changes, and Tahnee Bryant seconded with all in favor, and none opposed. There was no further discussion and the minutes were approved with all in favor or none opposed. The purpose of this meeting was to review progress on the 2025 State Plan key performance indicators (KPIs) with goal leaders reporting out.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **2025 Plan KPIs and Goal Leader Report Out**

- Goal 1: Elizabeth Shahan
  - All regional coalitions are actively working towards partnerships for success around their Community Readiness Models. These models are on track to be completed by the June deadline except for Region 5, who will finish by July. Regions 2 and 4 have already begun the process towards completion. Suggestion for future implementation is that this should begin in February/March to accommodate weather issues.
- Goal 2: Jenny Lancaster
  - Prevention Day is complete with finalized data including:
    - Total attendees registered 368 (in-person and virtual)
    - 53 exhibitors including coalitions
    - 11 interviews conducted
    - 121 livestreams
    - 7 coalition flyers
  - Additionally, there were virtual education sessions related to legislature knowledge. Below are a list of sessions with number of attendees.
    - Session 1: Legislative Basics, 30 attendees on Tuesday, March 18
    - Session 2: Understanding the Budget, 25 attendees on Wednesday, March 19
    - Session 3: Working with Your Legislators, 26 attendees on Thursday, March 20
  - Lori has reached out for final edits on the second promotion of public health.

- The Subcommittee requests that the word education be added to Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2 so that it reads: “KPI 2: By October 31, 2025, host education advocacy events to raise awareness about policies.”
- Christina will gather updates from Tobacco Free and edit resources to advocate for educational and prevention.
- Goal 3: Stephanie Hayes and Amy Saunders
  - The Subcommittee is working in conjunction with West Virginia University (WVU) and The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services (WVFRIS) as they review their assessment in three areas:
    - Suicide Prevention
    - Substance Use Disorder
      - Toolkits are being re-developed for providing education centered on Substance Use.
    - Violence Prevention
      - Violence prevention is specifically focused on assessing needs within the school and communities.
  - Jenny Lancaster shared the following article:
    - <https://pttcnetwork.org/environmental-strategies-for-substance-misuse-prevention/> “Environmental Strategies for Substance Misuse Prevention”, the link offered self-paced courses.
  - Post-vention is needed in the assessment. The Subcommittee discussed how to build this capacity. An educational component should focus on teens existing on the spectrum and partner violence. Elizabeth Shahan will supply resource materials.
  - Amy Saunders shared a flyer for ‘Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality Training, scheduled for April 28 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Goal 4: Lori-Garrett Bumba
  - The Subcommittee is working with The Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network in the development of an onboarding toolkit. Digital forms are available, each hyperlink will direct to resource prevention educational sites. Final edits are in process.
  - Lori will have a draft to board members at the end of May for the prevention specialist certification.

#### **Additional Discussion**

- The 2025 Annual Sexual Violence Prevention Summit is at the Flatwoods Conference Center on May 14-15, 2025.

#### **Adjournment:**

Amy closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on May 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM.