

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday August 15, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee: Michele Bowles, Tahnee Bryant, Tammy Collins, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Gig Robinson, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan
Staff: 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, August 15, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. When a quorum was present to approve July meeting minutes, Amy Saunders asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes and if there was a motion to approve the minutes. With the edit of Michele Bowles' name spelling, Stephanie Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Tahnee Bryant. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved with all in favor, and none opposed. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct regular business of the Subcommittee related to the 2024 Substance Use Response Plan.

Agenda Items:

Town Hall Meetings

- Bradley McCoy provided an update on the upcoming Town Hall Meetings. He reviewed the dates and informed the group that if anyone was available to help on August 21st and/or August 28th as a facilitator, additional support was needed.
- Bradley also noted that the Town Hall Meeting report will be ready mid-September and that Subcommittee final plans this year are to be done by November 15th.
- The group was pleased with how focused the Town Hall Meetings have become now that everyone is used to their format. Vaping and data have been the biggest discussion points in the Prevention breakouts.

2024 Plan Progress Review

- The group would like a copy of the quarterly Prevention KPI progress report sent each month to remind members of what to be working toward. Bradley McCoy will send reminders of the timeline and due dates for Q3 progress.
- Goal 2, Strategy 3, KPI 3: Amy Saunders, Jenny Lancaster, and Tammy Collins have met about moving forward with a communication plan.

Additional Discussion and Updates

- Gig Robinson provided links to the following resources:
 - [The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking \(ICCPUD\)](#)
 - [NHTSA: Utah's .05% Law Shows Promise to Save Lives, Improve Road Safety](#)
 - Bradley McCoy will share more information by email.
- The group discussed inviting Jonathan Board from the First Foundation to a future meeting to share with them data about what groups in local communities need.
- The group discussed how to track prevention efforts in schools. It is typical that they have a list of all prevention efforts that schools are required to do, but not all the prevention efforts they do in addition. Extended School Mental Health is doing evidence-based practices. It can be overwhelming to try to keep track of this as a statewide effort, particularly because some prevention efforts have become embedded into the school curriculum and are not listed as active prevention efforts by school officials. The typical practice is to check in with schools every other year or so about their current prevention efforts, but this can be difficult with staff turnover. The group discussed how they could standardize statewide survey results in the future with the help of ODCP. School administration and Prevention Lead Organizations could work to provide entry-level assessments of prevention such as a survey about what programs they have, what they like, what they dislike, and their current barriers. A Return on Investment (ROI) could be provided to key stakeholders based on the top programs identified from the survey.
- The WVABCA PEEP Conference is scheduled for October 30th and 31st at Canaan Valley.
- The group will begin preparation for Prevention Day at the legislature which is on April 2nd this year.

Adjournment:

Amy closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on September 19, 2024.