

## **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee July, 20 2023, Approved**

### **Attendees:**

Michelle Bowles, Tammy Collins, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes, Nancy Hoffman, Jostin Holmes, Melanie Purkey (co-chair), Gig Robinson, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan, Nikki Tennis

### **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 Wednesday, July 20, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve May and June meeting minutes. Nancy made the motion to accept the minutes and Stephanie seconded this motion. The meeting's objective was to assess the current progress of the 2023 KPIs for the Prevention section of the State Plan and deliberate on priorities for the forthcoming year.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **Prevention Town Hall Meeting:**

- Four town halls are scheduled for the entire ODCP plan in August. Deb provided the dates for the town halls: August 15, August 16, August 23, and August 31, all running from 10 AM to noon. They are seeking volunteers to facilitate these sessions.
- Given the extensive work in prevention, two breakout sessions will take place. If possible, it would be great to have some of our experts in prevention attend and help facilitate these sessions.
- There will be a training session for all volunteers, likely occurring in the next week. You will be contacted with the training details if you are volunteering. If anyone is interested in volunteering, email Amy and she will connect members with Deb.

### **Clearinghouse:**

- A press release for the Clearinghouse has not been issued yet, but it is currently being worked on, with an anticipated completion by next week.
- The project was initiated approximately one to two years ago, stemming from the recognition that the organization had successfully implemented evidence-based practices in prevention and expanded school mental health programs in the past. This success allowed grantees to choose from a selection of evidence-based practices, ensuring desired outcomes and objectives were met. Building on this, discussions with treatment providers for youth and families revealed a need for a similar approach in the realm of treatment. Community Access, Jenny Lancaster from Terzetto Creative, clinicians, and an advisory group collaborated to review numerous evidence-based practices for inclusion in the Clearinghouse. The process is ongoing, with practices ranked, including promising practices with some evidence but not yet reaching the level of being evidence-based. The Clearinghouse is intended to be a valuable resource for anyone seeking effective practices for their target population, backed by research from in-state clinicians and experts.
- It is suggested that if a representative from the Bureau attends the bridges coalition conference, they might use the opening session to announce the Clearinghouse, as there are around 90 registered attendees, providing an opportunity to reach a broad audience within the coalition.
- The Clearinghouse already offers a search function for reviewed programs, allowing users to explore different categories based on the level of research support. These categories include promising practices, supported by research, and others that may not meet all criteria but have been studied, particularly in rural and urban areas, while considering specific age groups—essential factors when applying programs to specific contexts and populations. For programs not yet listed in the Clearinghouse, it is possible to submit a request for review to include them.
- Upon approval and dissemination, Nikki is instructed to copy the announcement to include it on the organization's social media platforms.

## **2023 KPI Review**

### **Goal 1**

- Laurie shared that her workgroup has been researching different state requirements for certification, aided by valuable information provided by Tammy. The upcoming August board meeting will serve as an opportunity to discuss various prevention certifications and their corresponding educational requirements. Consideration is being given to the possibility of a prevention endorsement card, tailored for coalition members and youth leaders, providing a foundational understanding of prevention concepts.
- Additionally, there is a proposal to engage the board in discussions regarding joint credentialing for prevention, encompassing sexual violence prevention and other related forms. This topic will likely be addressed in the next meeting.
- To explore the barriers and benefits of having prevention certifications, it is planned to develop a concise white paper.
- Information has been compiled from across the state to create a comprehensive list of different prevention mentors in each region. However, due to the influx of new mentors, it is essential to

revisit and update the list. The list of prevention mentors is available on Basecamp, and each mentor can update their respective information for their region.

- A KPI sheet in the form of a Google Docs spreadsheet is being updated, and it is advised that the contact sheet for prevention champions be updated as well, ensuring that all six prevention leads collaborate on Basecamp. Notably, two lists exist: one for prevention mentors and the other for prevention champions. It is suggested to check with Nikki and Alison to determine which list is preferred, and Jenny will take the necessary actions accordingly.
- The possibility of issuing a bulletin to supervisors responsible for credentialing is open for discussion.

#### Goal 4

- The tobacco group was requested to provide an update during the current meeting, but they have decided to defer it to the next meeting.
- The team is actively focusing on the implementation of "Catch My Breath," an evidence-based program, with a specific emphasis on middle schools to ensure its successful rollout.

#### **2024 State Planning:**

- One area of ongoing focus has been on capacity issues, particularly regarding the credentialing processes and funding for events. Data has also been a focus, with the release of profiles in collaboration with DHHR. However, there hasn't been a comprehensive data sharing agreement yet.
- With a desire to align with CDC's emphasis on health equity, strategies are expected to shift in that direction.
- An upcoming initiative with Nashville TTI involves securing funding to gather input from individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ or BIPOC. There is recognition of the need for greater diversity within the group and efforts have been made to invite stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, but their engagement has been a challenge. To address concerns about voting issues due to a potential increase in membership, the idea of ex officio members has been proposed, and further clarifications on membership rules will be sought.
- Given the many opportunities, such as opioid settlement dollars, the group is contemplating the possibility of focusing on specific areas during the next year.
- Two statewide tobacco conferences are planned, targeting prevention, policy, education, and enforcement. The group is keen on creating an environment that fosters interaction with other disciplines and individuals in various communities, building on the concept of intersectionality from previous prevention summits.
- It was suggested to collect feedback from members to identify their top three to five priority areas for the upcoming year, and this information will be valuable for the ongoing town halls.
- A work group had previously worked on developing shared messaging on prevention statewide, but updates on this initiative have been limited. This may be considered a priority for future discussions.

**Adjournment:**

Amy closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again in August.