

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Monday October 28, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

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

Invited, Not Attending: Michele Bowles, Christina Chill, Jostin Holmes, Gig Robinson, Jessica Smith

Marshall University 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 Monday October 28, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present, but minutes were tabled to work on the 2025 State Plan. The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm for the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2025 State Plan (Final Draft Due November 15, 2024)

- Tahnee Bryant mentioned that the initial Strategic Prevention Framework meeting just happened last week, but their plan has not been finalized yet.
- Amy Saunders provided a one-pager listing the 2023 goals of the Strategic Prevention Framework and this Prevention Subcommittee's goals so that the group could brainstorm what is needed to be included next year.
- The group discussed funding for schools' prevention training and teacher stipends but also acknowledged how schools struggle to fit all the mandated prevention training and resources into their other required curriculum and how it will be difficult to add things to their plate. Rather than require more training, the group thought of ways to streamline this. Technological support such as adding prevention resources to school iPads and Chromebooks would meet requirements and get them into students' hands without taking time away from the rest of the school curriculum. The group would like to develop a guidance document of the best practices to address prevention resources available and highlight integrated standards. WVCRN already does this for college students.
- WVU's School of Pharmacy applied for grant funding to address Laken's Law.
- The group would like to see more goals for the entire council from ODCP that involve multiple subcommittees because of the intersection of what they address.
- Jenny Lancaster shared a rough draft of the WV Prevention Communications Plan

- Proposed Goal1: Develop presentation and curriculum on three of the below topics for distribution by coalitions at the community level identifying protective factors and risk factors.
 - Laken’s Law
 - Intersections of Prevention in SUD such as sexual violence, bullying, or suicide
 - Guidance and advocacy of what prevention is and the next steps for coalitions to be able to give at the community level
 - Highlights of positive data
 - Vaping education of substances, products, and zoning laws
- Proposed Goal 2: Develop a youth workforce pipeline with human services track of education
 - Possibly develop a paraprofessional certificate in prevention and make it available to high schoolers.
 - Paid internships for high school prevention groups.
 - Get prevention workforce involved with students
 - Engage after school programs
- Proposed Goal 3: Community-based Readiness Assessment
 - Four regions have done these the last four years.
 - Tri-Ethnic Center CRA presentation inspiration
 - There has been pushback on a focus on vaping since it is a modality of a substance (tobacco or marijuana) rather than a substance itself.
 - The group discussed how they could manage to do this statewide via stakeholder interviews or surveys and the benefits and problems that would arise.
- Proposed Goal 4: Comprehensive vaping policy and education
 - Elizabeth Shahan shared the Be A Real Influencer Campaign from We Card <https://store.wecard.org/we-card-bari-kit>
 - This would become its own goal based on if identified by community readiness assessments and if the education piece is too much to include in Goal 1.
 - Work with retailers to secure vaping from those it would harm.

Reconfirm Subcommittee Membership

- This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Additional Discussion

- None

Adjournment:

Amy closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on November 7,2024.