

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday January 8, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Attending: Erin Beck, Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Brandy Blatt, Trenton Clem, Ardella Cottrill, Joe Deegan, Heather Gregory, Rajan Masih, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Paul Shimer, JoAnna Vance

Invited, Not Attending: Elly Donahue, Francisca Gray, Ann Hammond, William Long, Lou Ortenzio, Stephanie Stout, Destini Williams

ODCP: Jostin Holmes

Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amber Blankenship (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Recovery Community Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the September 2024, October 2024, and November 2024, and December 2024 meeting minutes. Joe Deegan made a motion to approve without changes, and JoAnna Vance seconded with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of the meeting was to establish 2025 Q1 priorities.

Agenda Items

Review of 2024 Progress

- 2024's progress report was completed in December and included in the State Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report. The group discussed how some things from 2024 have been included into the 2025 Plan as they are ongoing.

2025 Plan Review of Outputs/Outcomes

- Bradley McCoy shared the performance management spreadsheet document for 2025 with the group.

2025 Quarter 1 Priorities and Plan for Implementation

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: Amber Blankenship and Jostin Holmes are awaiting corrections/approval from Jenny with communications for the informed consent. That will be back to them in January. By February, they will work to get it to managed care organizations.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: Joe Deegan and Amber work together in January to present this to the WVAAP conference and the Behavioral Health Association.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3-5: These hinge upon what is accomplished above in Q1.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: In January, JoAnna Vance and Ardella Cottrill will communicate with family advocates about what they would like to see in the curriculum as well as representatives from other states with existing curriculums. By February, Joe Deegan will be communicating this information to Jaime Cantley with the certification board.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: This hinges upon the above KPI's completion.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3: JoAnna Vance will be working to identify potential champions.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1-2: Amber Blankenship is reaching out to Stephanie Thornton to join a Recovery Subcommittee meeting soon. This will also be addressed at the March 10th collaboration meeting.

- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 1: Jostin Holmes and Dr. Stephen Loyd will collaborate to identify stakeholders.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2: Joe Deegan is contacting the CEO of PSIMED Corrections, Ltd. to attend the February or March Recovery Subcommittee meeting.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 3-4: These KPIs hinge upon the completion of KPI 2.

March 10, 2025, Chairs Collaboration Meeting Planning

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the goals of the March meeting of Subcommittee chairs for cross-collaboration.

Reconfirm Subcommittee Membership

- The group reconfirmed subcommittee membership for existing members and made some consistent attendees into full subcommittee members.

January 17, 2025, Governor's Council Meeting

- Bradley McCoy provided a reminder that the 2025 State Plan will be approved at the January meeting of the Governor's Council.

Additional Discussion

- Recovery Day at the Capital is March 7, 2025. For the first time, there will be a reception the night before on March 6, 2025, with sponsors and room assignments pending. People will be assigned to talk to their legislators one on one by appointment for more effective messaging.

Adjournment

Amber closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members. The full subcommittee will meet again on February 5, 2025.