

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Public Education Subcommittee January 17, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Keigan Aabel-Brown, Tahnee Bryant, Cathy Capps-Amburgey, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Jenny Lancaster, Anne Martin, Lyn O'Connell (chair), Greg Puckett, Jessica Smith, Lee Storrow, Yolanda Sowards, JoAnna Vance, Crystal Welch, Sarah White

Opening:

Lyn O'Connell (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Public Education Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve November meeting minutes. Greg made the motion for approval and Lori seconded the motion. The objective of this meeting was to provide subcommittee member updates.

Agenda Items:

Subcommittee Member Updates

- Lyn mentioned that the commercial featuring B-roll footage of the mural is currently in progress and will be showcased soon.
- Jenny informed that the latest version of the training has been submitted, and she expressed the need for a follow-up meeting with PLOs to present the slides and modules. Training of trainers will also be scheduled. Tahnee mentioned the review process is pending due to the substantial number of slides requiring evaluation.
- Emphasize the creation of narratives around reunification, with the state seeking information on individuals' service locations for sharing insights in the legislative session.
- JoAnna reported an increase in inquiries about anti-stigma murals since the new year, with plans for new murals in the spring. Jenny highlighted ongoing work on the 988 group, and the Manahan group is focusing on an education campaign addressing mental health stigma. Legislative updates include the advancement of SB 154, penalties for single possession felonies, and bills regarding fentanyl test strips and the death penalty for EMS-related incidents.
- Lee shared that a bill restricting OTPs from operating in the state, allowing only Marshall and WVU to dispense methadone with certain regulations, has been introduced. Delegate Summers expects swift movement, but a Senate bill aims to counteract this.

- Amy mentioned a promising behavioral health workforce bill submitted for expanding the workforce in the state.

Additional Discussion

- Lyn mentioned that the complete Governor's Council is scheduled to convene later today and provided details about the goals and strategies PowerPoint that will be presented.
- Additionally, Lyn informed the group that Beth Macy, the author of *Dopesick*, will be speaking in Huntington as part of the Marshall Art Series in February, and she will be sharing the flyer with everyone.
- Jenny highlighted that the upcoming week will host the WV Polysubstance Use Summit, with a noteworthy registration count of over 750 people so far.
- Crystal notes that a poverty simulator will be held through Quality Insights tomorrow in Huntington from 9 am to 2 pm.
- Keigan mentioned his upcoming announcement regarding requests for participation and funding opportunities. These opportunities are intended for groups actively addressing social determinants of health in the community, encompassing initiatives such as murals, naloxone trainings, community education, etc. Keigan encouraged members to submit their applications.

Adjournment:

Without further comment, Lyn thanked the subcommittee members for their attendance and involvement. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet again in February.