

# Meeting of the Recovery Community Subcommittee Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

March 9, 2021

## Attendees:

Rachel Thaxton, Raj Masih, Joe Deegan, Kevin Knowles, Greg Perry, Matt Boggs, Deidra Gravely, Marc Jackson, Jon Dower

## Discussion:

Welcome by Subcommittee chair, Matt Boggs.

Minutes from Feb. 9, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

## Review questions from strategic planning sessions:

Knock and Talk – Prevention Lead Organizations (PLOs) around the state to implement as a team with people in substance use disorder (SUD) prevention and recovery, model used in many other states, and differs from Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in that knock and talk team can do additional activities: naloxone training, Fentanyl Test Strip (FTS) distribution, and Medicaid navigation. Teams consist of prevention staff, PRSS, faith leaders, therapists; referrals from law enforcement, family members, and faith-based organizations. Links people to MAT, detox referrals, and recovery coaching, and introduction to Harm Reduction Programs. Data is collected in a centralized database about what works and what does not. Metrics to evaluate self-efficacy and burnout in staff members.

Goal 1: Continuum of Care more specifically to refer to ASAM levels of care.

SUD infrastructure sustainability plan for all the state-funded innovative grants – DOJ may be a possible funding stream although not all programs interface with criminal justice – Having a seat at the table for the next version of the 1115 waiver – Outcome driven payment models.

Will send what Deb puts together for strategic planning session on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 12 p.m.

## Legislative Updates:

**SB 334:** Harm Reduction bill has passed the Senate and moved to the House. Amendments include changing 1:1 to 'a goal of 1:1,' took out barcoding from the labeling requirement, took out prosecution of underground harm reduction, removed state funding, allows mobile sites, requires 'majority of county commission' buy-in instead of full council or sheriff's approval.

More amendments may be made in the House.

Actions the Governor's Council can take was discussed. Hard to make a stand one way or another while amendments are still being made.

**HB 2257:** Relating to extended supervision for certain drug offenders - Kenneth Matthews and Ronnie Stevens are going to meet with Senator Trump.

**HB 2025:** Opens the door for sale of alcohol at 6 a.m. – microbreweries bill – opens drive thru and delivery – could result in intoxicated drivers in the morning when children are going to school or catching the school bus. What is the intent of allowing 6 a.m. alcohol sales?

Drug testing for TANF participants.

Follow-up call from Recovery Advocacy Day with MCOs restrictions they are putting on length of stay and other guidelines – Friday, March 12 at 3pm

**HB 2864:** Voting bill sponsored by Kayla Young - making people who are on paper able to vote.

**Recovery Day at the Capitol:**

Sponsored by GRaCe on March 23, 2021. Rachel will send flyer to group.

**Other Business:**

Governor's Council meets on Wednesday. March 17, 2021.

**Adjourn**