

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday March 5, 2025, *Unapproved***

## **Attendees:**

**Attending:** Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Ardella Cottrill, Joe Deegan, Elly Donahue, Heather Gregory, Raj Masih, Dan McCawley (co-chair)

**Invited, Not Attending:** Trenton Clem, Francisca Gray, Ann Hammond, William Long, Lou Ortenzio, Stephanie Stout, Destini Williams, Brandy Blatt, Paul Shimer, JoAnna Vance

**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, March 5, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the February 2025 meeting minutes. Ardella Cottrill made a motion to approve without changes, and Heather Gregory seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with all in favor and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss updates to key performance indicators (KPIs) for the Quarter 1 Progress Report.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Subcommittee Chair Meeting**

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the Subcommittee chair meeting scheduled for March 10, 2025. The Recovery Subcommittee chairs will be present for input for the Pregnant and Parenting Subcommittee and the Youth Subcommittee.
- Stephanie Thornton is joining the April meeting of the Recovery Subcommittee to address their related Courts and Justice Involved Populations key performance indicators (KPIs).

### **Performance Management Spreadsheet and Quarterly Progress Report**

- The Subcommittee revised the spreadsheet, providing updates and provided percentages of completion.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 50% complete. The Chairs still need to meet with the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). Jostin Holmes completed the Choose Your Own Path document with communications staff. Amber and Dan are in contact with Laura McGuire (ODCP Deputy Director) about further updates and approval.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 10 % complete. Amber Blankenship and Joe Deegan will be collaborating over the next few months to present this information to ODCP and The West Virginia Association of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVAAP) with their approval.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: The Subcommittee still needs to develop a family peer support specialist curriculum based on existing infrastructure from other states. Elly Donahue, Ardella Cottrill, and JoAnna Vance have information in this space and will be reaching out to Maryland and South Carolina for resources. The Subcommittee discussed how this model will be defined in the state of West Virginia. The Chairs will be in contact with members of this group for updates. This curriculum will then need to be presented to ODCP and any other recommended state agencies.

- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1 and 2: 50% complete. Stephanie Thornton will attend the April Subcommittee meeting to present on the topics pertaining to this KPI.
- Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2: 100% complete. The CEO of PSIMED Corrections attended last month's Subcommittee meeting.

#### **Additional Discussion**

- The legislature is actively voting on Senate bills related to medication assisted treatment.
- Dr. Raj Masih will bring up the KPIs this group needs ODCP to collaborate on (such as connecting people to treatment post-incarceration and targeted case management) to Dr. Stephen Loyd.

#### **Adjournment**

Amber closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members. The subcommittee will meet again on April 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM.