

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday December 4, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Trenton Clem, Ardella Cottrill, Joe Deegan, Dan McCawley (co-chair)
Invited, Not Attending: Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Brandy Blatt, Elly Donahue, Francisca Gray, Heather Gregory Ann Hammond, Jostin Holmes, William Long, Rajan Masih, Lou Ortenzio, Lacey Sawyers, Phil Shimer, Stephanie Stout, JoAnna Vance, Destini Williams
Guest Speaker: Jon Dower – The West Virginia Association of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVAAPP)
Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Dan McCawley (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, December 4, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the September 2024, October 2024, and November 2024 meeting minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to guest speaker Jon Dower and work on 2024 Q4 Progress.

Agenda Items

Guest Speaker – Jon Dower (WVAAPP Collaboration)

- Jon Dower with The West Virginia Association of Addition and Prevention Professionals (WVAAPP) joined to talk about what their Association does and opportunities for collaboration with this Subcommittee. Their group advocates legislative needs to the federal and state governments. At the state level, they have an annual conference with continuing education and evidence-based training. They also do state-level advocacy for positive action and monitor bills that could have a negative effect on the recovery community. They are currently developing a legislative agenda and determining appointed leadership post-election. A new senate bill requires that managed care organizations (MCOs) collaborate with the state and WVAAPP to track the funds given to recovery service organizations and report on the effectiveness of the services as well. Another collaborative opportunity is the Day on The Hill event to connect constituents with representatives.

December 18th Meeting of the Governor's Council

- Bradley McCoy gave an overview of the in-person meeting of the Governor's Council on December 18th in Charleston. Dan McCawley cannot attend, but Amber Blankenship will be in attendance.

Review 2024 Accomplishments, State Plan 2025, and Introduction Paragraph

- Dan McCawley already sent Bradley McCoy the subcommittee's list of accomplishments for 2024.
- The group approved the existing introduction paragraph for the State Plan.

- Dan McCawley provided the updates to the Q4 KPI Progress.
- Jostin Holmes has been notified about the Subcommittee's needs from ODCP and is setting up meetings with them for the respective KPIs.

Reconfirm Subcommittee and Workgroup Membership

- The Subcommittee will establish new membership in January 2025.

Additional Discussion

- No additional discussion.

Adjournment

Dan closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members. The full subcommittee will meet again in January 2025.