

# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday November 6, 2024, Approved

## Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Trenton Clem, Ardella Cottrill, Joe Deegan, Heather Gregory, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Phil Shimer, JoAnna Vance

**Invited, Not Attending:** Brandy Blatt, Elly Donahue, Francisca Gray, Ann Hammond, William Long, Rajan Masih, Lou Ortenzio, Lacey Sawyers, Stephanie Stout, Destini Williams

**ODCP Staff:** 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, November 6, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the September 2024 and October 2024 meeting minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to work on the 2025 State Plan.

## Agenda Items

### 2025 State Plan Draft Due November 15, 2024

- This Subcommittee initially developed an extensive plan section of 6 goal areas. In more recent years, the focus was refined to three Goal areas. Today, the group reviewed the initial plan and what may still be relevant work needed.
- For the original Goal 1: the Subcommittee was unsure of the dependency on SOR funds after next year but wanted to continue working on it.
- The Subcommittee acknowledged that this plan may be dependent on the new administration post-election and the legislative session.
- For the original Goal 3: The group discussed family peer certification in comparison to other states and agreed that they recommend a meeting with legal counsel such as the attorney general about protections for the certification.
- The Subcommittee would like to engage family members of those in recovery, potentially quarterly, in these meetings.
- The group would like to engage someone from higher education about collegiate involvement, such as Carolyn Canini.
- The policy of co-prescribing naloxone with opioids does not exist now, but there is a push for it.
- Amber Blankenship is working to update the draft of the plan to reflect the correct dates for 2025 and the KPIs to have the correct associated state agencies. She will send the next draft to Bradley McCoy.

### Reconfirm Subcommittee and Workgroup Membership

- The Subcommittee noted many members that are unable to attend regularly, which influences

the quorum and ability to approve meeting minutes. They are open to holding a new 2025 kick-off meeting to re-engage or make adjustments to membership as needed.

**Additional Discussion**

- No additional discussion.

**Adjournment**

Amber closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members. The full subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday December 4, 2024.