

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

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Ardella Cottrill, Joe Deegan, Heather Gregory, Jostin Holmes, Rajan Masih, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Paul Shimer, Stephanie Stout, Rachel Thaxton
Guest Speaker: Jaime Cantley, West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction & Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP)
Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amber Blankenship (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, September 4, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the August meeting minutes. Joe Deegan made the motion for approval and Dan McCawley seconded the motion with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize Quarter 3 KPI Progress and to hear a presentation from Jaime Cantley, WVCBAPP.

Agenda Items

Presentation for the Governor's Council on September 18, 2024

- Dan McCawley provided an update that he and Amber had completed the PowerPoint for the September meeting of the Governor's Council with the Recovery Community Subcommittee's Progress.

Guest Speaker Jaime Cantley

- Jaime Cantley, West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction & Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP), joined the call to discuss avenues in which a family support specialist credential could be created in West Virginia. Facilitators from FamiliesStrongWV are already connected with WVCBAPP but it is not widespread training yet. Other states such as Georgia, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania have successfully created a family support credential. Jaime believes her group (WVCBAPP, aka the certification board) would be the correct avenue to go about this and they have most resources ready to go but have encountered challenges because of the lack of attorney general and legal protections. Since they are a volunteer board they lack this protection. Similar challenges have occurred with youth peer credentialing. Credentials require standardization and periodic board reviews that could be provided if this subcommittee could develop a curriculum for an exam, but it must also be legally defensible. Rachel Thaxton is following up with Nick Stuchell about advising on this further.

Finalize Q3 KPI Progress to Submit by September 27, 2024

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 80%, the group has not advanced the Informed Consent document

further. Conversations have occurred but no further implementation. Rachel Thaxton is inviting Amber Blankenship to meetings with MCOs

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 80%, not implemented, but could invite MCOs to future meetings. Joe Deegan is reaching out to connections to invite them to the November meeting.
- Goal 1 Strategy 1, KPI 3: 25%, still needs a meeting to be scheduled with stakeholders
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4: 25%, still needs a meeting to be scheduled with MCOs
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 5: 0%, still needs communication with DoHS
- Goal 2, Strategy 1: 60%, still need to organize a meeting with ODCP but not sure when they will meet with the new director. Jostin Holmes is reaching out to Dora about scheduling with Rachel, Amber, Dan, and Dr. Stephen Loyd.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 40%, met with the First Foundation already. Jaime Cantley joined today's call. A WVARR representative will attend the October meeting. Jon Dower from WVAPP (the NAADAC affiliate) will attend December's meeting.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100%
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 100%, the First Foundation attended the August meeting.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3: 75%, these connections are happening

Establish Planning Schedule (Final Plan Due November 15, 2024)

- The group plans to work on this during their October 2, 2024 meeting. What they do not finish then can be finalized at the November 6, 2024 meeting.

Additional Discussion

- Ardella Cottrill provided the update that the West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council is meeting on October 17, 2024 in Nitro, but it is a hybrid meeting so you can join virtually.

Adjournment

Amber closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members. The full subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday October 2, 2024.