

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee February 10, 2023, Approved

Attendees:

Emma Eggleston (co-chair), Nathan Fiore, Angie Gray, Michael Kilkenny (co-chair), Deb Koester, Jim Kranz, Leighann Levine, Rebecca Roth, Suzanne Wilson

Opening:

Dr. Michael Kilkenny and Dr. Emma Eggleston (Co-Chairs) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Health Systems Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Friday, February 10, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. The purpose of the meeting was to review implementation planning and documentation of 2023 KPI Outputs.

Agenda Items

New State Hepatitis and HIV Elimination Plan (Suzanne Wilson, WV DHHR BPH)

- Suzanne Wilson is the Director of the Division of STD, HIV, Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis at the WV BPH.
- The Strategic Plan was developed using the National Ending the HIV framework. It consists of four pillars (prevent/diagnose/treat/respond), each of which with three goals with one to four objectives per goal. Strategies were identified for each objective. The Plan has 13 KPIs. Eight KPIs are associated with HIV prevention and care and five KPIs are associated with HCV prevention and treatment.
- The subcommittee missions include preventing new HIV and hepatitis C transmission by using proven interventions, diagnose all people with HIV and HCV as early as possible, treat all people with HIV and hepatitis C rapidly and effectively, and respond quickly to potential outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.
- Suzanne noted that a dashboard is updated every 2 weeks on their website that provides HIV surveillance by county. She also reports that while cases are increasing with better surveillance, the number of resources has not changed.
- Dr. Kilkenny made a motion to collaborate with the WV HIV Plan on Goal 2 and its associated strategies. Angie accepted the motion and Leighann seconded the motion. A small group will be formed to start crosswalk with the WV HIV Plan.
- Suzanne noted that there will be quarterly updates on some metrics (e.g. case counts), but the KPIs are updated annually.
- Regarding stigma surrounding HIV, Suzanne reported that a comprehensive needs assessment was conducted among currently positive/at risk individuals and providers. Two areas of stigma were identified as healthcare provider stigma and HIV PrEP, which the HIV Plan members hope to reduce through educational campaigns and partnering

with medical training programs.

2023 Implementation Planning and Documentation of 2023 KPI Outputs

- Deb noted that KPIs marked 100% complete require an associated output for the legislature.

Goal 1

- Strategy 6, KPI 1: An issue brief will be the output. The subcommittee has examples of co-located services. Dr. Kilkenny noted that presenting these examples may aid in the formation of a gap analysis. Nathan stated that services should be based on the resources specific to each county, and Dr. Levine mentioned the use of telehealth and mobile units for co-localized services. Dr. Koester suggested engaging regional ODCP coordinators.
- Strategy 6, KPI 2: Recommendations can be provided in the issue brief as an output.

Goal 2

- Outputs will be determined following crosswalk with WV BPH.
- Dr. Feinberg's PrEP training may be included as an output. Dr. Kilkenny additionally suggested primary care surveys.

Goal 3

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Dr. Kilkenny noted a gap analysis would challenge capacity. Deb noted the ODCP has an interactive map with resources for recovery and treatment that may be utilized.
- Strategy 1, KPI 2: BMS and Dr. Becker may provide data.
- Strategy 4, KPI 1: Angie stated providers have started to prescribe for individuals with SUD after receiving education.

Additional Business

- Dr. Kilkenny reported the National Association of Counties released recommended strategies for opioid management in communities that align with subcommittee plans, especially for implementing syringe services.

Adjournment

Subcommittee work groups have been tasked with identifying potential outputs for each KPI for their associated goals. Dr. Michael Kilkenny and Dr. Emma Eggleston closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again in April.