



# Meeting Minutes

## Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

### *November 17, 2023, Approved*

#### **Attendees:**

James Becker (co-chair), Angela Gray, Michael Kilkenny (co-chair), Deb Koester, Leigh Levine, Jan Rader, Rebecca Roth

#### **Opening:**

Dr. James Becker (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Friday, November 17, 2023 and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve October meeting minutes. Jan made the motion for approval and Angela seconded the motion. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize goals and strategies for the 2024 State Plan.

#### **Agenda:**

##### **Review of 2023 Q3 KPI Progress Adjustments:**

##### Goal 1

- Strategy 6, KPI 1: Currently recorded at 20% completion. Subcommittee members discussed the assignment of writing the issue brief and refined the definition of co-location of services. Dr. Cortina highlighted the alignment with legislation SB 419 for residential treatment, addressing care not typically received in psychiatric treatment and aftercare. Explorations into using coding and billing in a shared EHR to define co-location were discussed. Carly and Deb will assist in drafting the issue brief, and Deb suggested forming 1-2 focus groups for providers to define co-location and co-morbidities. In-state best practices will be incorporated.
- Strategy 6, KPI 2: Planned as a subsequent step following the completion of KPI 1, utilizing KPI 1 as an evidential basis for its fulfillment.

##### Goal 2

- Strategy 1: Dr. Koester recommended aligning this strategy with the initiatives outlined in the BBH HIV/Hep C plan, leveraging available data and considering community prevalence. Dr. Levine will gather data on Hep C and PrEP from her site. Dr. Cortina proposed reaching out to the state pharmacy. Furthermore, Dr. Kilkenny highlighted a publication from the health department detailing the statewide expansion of PrEP.

##### Goal 3

- Strategy 1, KPI 1: Deb highlighted that the ODCP interactive map is continuously updated, and we can request this data to propel the KPI forward.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2: No knowledge of a strategic plan for telehealth - Deb mentioned that it was previously marked as 100% because BBH consistently incorporates telehealth into their strategic plan, extending through 2024. Deb will contact Cynthia and provide the group with an update.

- Strategy 1, KPI 4: Deb pointed out that the annual meeting in Morgantown can contribute to advancing this KPI, and Dr. Becker noted similar activities performed as part of the licensing process.
- Strategy 1, KPI 5: Dr. Kilkenny mentioned that some emergency rooms may not be implementing these protocols, despite ongoing efforts. Dr. Becker suggested conducting a survey to obtain an accurate representation of the number. Jan shared that the hospitals she works with do not provide naloxone to patients upon discharge after an overdose. Angela, however, shared that six naloxone pick-up boxes will be distributed across the county to enhance access in Emergency Departments. She also discussed the Bridge program, connecting overdose patients to outpatient services.

### **2024 Planning**

- Dr. Becker emphasized the significance of incorporating PRSS as a crucial tool in the planning for 2024.
- Carly and Deb will collaborate to formulate goals and strategies derived from the emerging themes identified in the 2023 Town Hall Meeting Report.

### **Next Steps:**

- Carly and Deb will support the subcommittee in crafting an issue brief addressing co-location services to progress Goal 1, Strategy 6, KPI 1.  
Deb will gather data from recommended sources by subcommittee members to contribute to the achievement of Goal 2, Strategy 1.
- Deb will communicate with Cynthia regarding the inclusion of telehealth in the annual BBH strategic plan.

### **Adjournment:**

Dr. Becker closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again in December.