

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Wednesday December 11, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Ej Jenkins, Tiffany Pittman, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), JoAnna Vance

Invited, Not Attending: Cindy Hill, Michael Mitcheff, Jostin Holmes

Marshall University Staff: Deb Koester, Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Bradley McCoy provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday December 11, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. The purpose of this meeting was to formalize next steps for the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Confirm Chairs and Membership

- Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan will co-chair the subcommittee.

December 18th Meeting of the Governor's Council

- Bradley McCoy and Deb Koester provided an overview of the plans for the December 18th meeting of the Governor's Council. Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan plan to attend in person. Since this group is new, Bradley and Deb will provide a slide with data points for context around the necessity of the Youth Subcommittee. The ODCP dashboard overdose data for youth, lack of youth treatment facilities, and 2023 Youth Town Hall Report will provide context for the meeting next week as well as the introduction paragraph of the 2025 State Plan.

Create and Approve Introduction Paragraph of 2025 State Plan

- Deb Koester and Bradley McCoy will work to draft an introductory paragraph that will be edited and approved by the chairs. It was noted that in order to treat youth substance use disorder, this group will have to recognize youth issues across the continuum of care from behavioral health and risk factors, prevention and first use, treatment, recovery, and healthy living and wellness.

State Plan 2025

- To develop a data profile, the group will contact resources for any existing data. This includes the Department of Youth Justice. JoAnna Vance has resources detailing existing (and the lack thereof) youth treatment and recovery services and will forward this to the group. Metrics to consider include suspected overdose data (but will require context and nuance), the number of youth services, and the number of case managers and

psychology professionals specializing in youth services. Qualitative elements and storytelling will also be important.

- The group discussed how to gain stakeholder insight and determine existing services from facilities and providers. The group would like to do key informant interviews with behavioral health providers to specifically inquire about services available. The group would also like to do focus groups/roundtable discussions with other stakeholders based on contacts they already have.

Next Steps

- In January, the group will come to the meeting prepared with knowledge from existing key informant interview guides and focus group guides they have used previously in prevention. They will use this to develop their own guides and develop a list of service providers to contact and plan their focus groups/roundtables.

Adjournment:

Bradley McCoy closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again in January 2025.