

Meeting Minutes

Community Engagement & Support Subcommittee – Housing Workgroup of the Governor’s Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

September 6th, 2022

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

I. **Welcome and introductions**

- a Attendees: Bev Sharp, Krista White, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen, Emily Birckhead (Chair)
- b The committee has lost a couple members: Susan Somon Cobun (Fletcher Group), Patrice Pooler
- c The committee needs a few additional members that can commit their time to helping us work on these goals. The committee will consider membership from the Eastern Panhandle and DRC.
- d Approval of minutes – Danny Hale moves, Krista White seconds. August minutes approved.

II. Review of 2022 Progress & Plan for Goal 1, Housing

- a In light of time, the committee only discussed KPIs that are not marked 100% complete.
- b **Strategy 1, KPI2:** 90% complete. We will re-start the survey next year with a goal of maintaining/housing it on the WVARR website in a portal operators can access and update on an annual basis.
- c **Strategy 1: KPI 3:** 90% complete. Fletcher Group has created a [layered map](#) to be used in conjunction with [ODCP county maps](#) to make capacity decisions and recommendations. A few modifications are still needed, including language and the addition of some residences that are missing. This will be maintained by WVARR (or ODCP) via Tableau. The Chair has been working with a Team at Tableau and has gotten multiple cost estimates to maintain this information on WVARR’s site, which range in cost depending on how we approach it.
 - i The WV Fletcher Group representative is no longer with the FG, but we anticipate a replacement being hired soon and have reached out to other staff there to continue this work.
- d **Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 100% complete.
- e **Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 100% complete.
- f **Strategy 2, KPI 3:** 100% complete.

- g **Strategy 2, KPI 4:** By December 31, 2022, offer two educational opportunities on housing for community stakeholders and partners across the state, to include but not be limited to WVARR tools/resources and levels of care. – 0% complete. Potential opportunities include Glow Run for Recovery 5k (WVARR); opportunities in Parkersburg; possible regional roundtable discussions; Seed Sower or other partner events.
- h **Strategy 2, KPI 5:** By December 31, 2022 hold a statewide conference for housing operators, staff, and community stakeholders that offers different tracks, scholarships, hands on learning, and certificates of completion- 25% complete. We were discussing this with Jenny Lancaster. Recoveryhousingwv.org is still available for a virtual conference. Originally, she was holding the date of 10/18, but the WVARR staff just doesn't have the time right now to pull that off with by the date with everything we have going on. Councilmember Hansen acknowledged that WVARR should not be doing all of this work itself and commended what WVARR has been able to do so far with a small staff and limited resources. He recommended asking the ODCP for help (resources) to bring these KPIs to fruition.
- i **Strategy 2, KPI 6:** By December 31, 2022 develop a white paper that includes, but is not limited to, how recovery housing is funded in West Virginia, sustainability of funding to support recovery housing, current barriers and challenges, and sustainability of staff. – 50% complete. This KPI got paused in the transition with our Fletcher Group representative, but the Chair will reach out to someone at the organization and see if we can find someone else to work on it with us.

III. Additional Discussion

- a None

IV. Action Items, Next Steps, and Adjourn

- a The Chair will reach out to Councilmember Tieman about state support (funding) for KPI completion.
- b Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th

HOUSING

Goal 1: Increase capacity of recovery housing in West Virginia.

Strategy 1: Create and sustain a system of assessing recovery housing capacity and quality to make funding recommendations and expand resources statewide.

KPI 2: By December 31, 2022, conduct an annual update of the assessment of current recovery housing.

KPI 3: By December 31, 2022, create a layered map to demonstrate capacity of treatment, transitional, recovery, and re-entry housing across the state. The map will incorporate various factors such as overdose and overdose deaths rates, levels of care offered through recovery housing, etc. to understand gaps and prioritize needs.

Strategy 2: Provide training, funding, and resources to increase the capacity and appropriate use of recovery housing in West Virginia.

- KPI 1: By December 31, 2022, increase the number of recovery residences that are medication-assisted treatment accessible by an additional 20%. *All forms of MAT*
- KPI 2: By December 31, 2022, continue to identify and analyze best practices of successful recovery housing in other states and increase trainings statewide in West Virginia by 25%.
- KPI 3: By December 31, 2022, continue to increase the number of recovery residences for multiple pathways by an additional 10%.
- KPI 4: By December 31, 2022, offer two educational opportunities on housing for community stakeholders and partners across the state, to include but not be limited to WVARR tools/resources and levels of care.
- KPI 5: By December 31, 2022 hold a statewide conference for housing operators, staff, and community stakeholders that offers different tracks, scholarships, hands on learning, and certificates of completion.
- KPI 6: By December 31, 2022 develop a white paper that includes, but is not limited to, how recovery housing is funded in West Virginia, sustainability of funding to support recovery housing, current barriers and challenges, and sustainability of staff.

Strategy 3: Develop and implement a certification process that will assure quality and consistency of recovery housing and the services provided.

- KPI 1: Through December 31, 2022, continue to engage the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences to complete certification processes of the recovery residences by an additional 20% in West Virginia.