



**WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF
DRUG CONTROL POLICY**
WV Department of Health & Human Resources

Agenda

Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Treatment, Health Systems and Research Subcommittee

Friday, May 5, 2023

Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

- I. Intro and Welcome
- II. Guest Speaker – Sherri Ferrell, CEO, West Virginia Primary Care Association
- III. Guest Speaker – Beth Welsh, Associate Director – Division of Addition Science at Marshall
- IV. Review of 2023 Plan Implementation and Quarter 1 Report
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

TREATMENT, HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND RESEARCH

Goal 1: Reduce fatal and nonfatal overdoses by improving access and integration of early intervention and treatment for substance use disorder in outpatient and residential facilities and in the community.

Strategy 6: Address barriers to treatment by expanding co-location of services, digital therapeutics, mobile service delivery, and telehealth.

KPI 1: By June 30, 2023, identify promising and best practices where co-location of services are offered in the state, including location and summary of services/approach, and document in an issue brief.

KPI 2: By August 31, 2023, develop recommendations, and resources needed, for expanding co-location of services, digital therapeutics, mobile service delivery, and telehealth.

Goal 2: Reduce the risk of infectious diseases associated with substance use disorder.

Strategy 2: Increase screening and rapid access to treatment of infectious diseases associated with substance use disorders (i.e., hepatitis C, HIV, hepatitis B, sexually transmitted diseases, endocarditis, abscesses, etc.) at any entry point for substance use disorder treatment.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2023, continue to integrate screening for infectious diseases into key entry points for care related to substance use disorder via a standard screening panel and clinical protocols.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2023, continue to advance capacity to rapidly expand community testing services for HIV/hepatitis C virus and investigate, track, and manage identified cases.

KPI 3: Through December 31, 2023, continue to work with community health centers and healthcare providers to increase by 20% the number of sites with capacity to provide HIV and hepatitis C treatment in the primary care setting.

KPI 4: Through December 31, 2023, continue to increase primary care provider knowledge of and capacity to provide Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention for high risk individuals.

KPI 5: Through December 31, 2023, continue to assess Medicaid coverage of hepatitis C treatment to decrease community transmission and provide recommendations if needed.

Goal 3: Increase the health professional workforce to treat people with substance use disorder.

Strategy 1: Increase the number of treatment providers who offer evidence-based practices and programs, and have expertise to treat people who use multiple substances and stimulants, to save lives of individuals with substance use disorders.

- KPI 1: By December 31, 2023, conduct an annual needs assessment and gap analysis of treatment and recovery services, and resources, by county.
- KPI 2: By December 31, 2023, annually update a strategic plan that enables telehealth to be used for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services across the state.
- KPI 3: Through December 31, 2023, continue efforts to expand medication-assisted treatment availability in all counties using direct treatment or telehealth.
- KPI 4: Through December 31, 2023, continue implementation of an annual educational program on substance use disorder that addresses the identified clinical needs of providers and clinicians.
- KPI 5: Through December 31, 2023, continue efforts to establish processes in four communities to implement treatment on demand (i.e., treatment from the emergency department following overdose or anyone presenting with a primary/second opioid use disorder/substance use disorder diagnosis in an acute or other setting). Also see Health Systems for Project Engage efforts.
- KPI 6: Through December 31, 2023, continue to demonstrate active planning towards implementation of at least one model that promotes recovery and integrates substance use disorder treatment with the healthcare delivery system.
- KPI 7: Through December 31, 2023, continue to support pilots focused on improving retention in treatment and recovery through innovative, evidence-based strategies.
- KPI 8: Through December 31, 2023, continue to support full implementation of the Atlas Quality Initiative (Shatterproof) in West Virginia throughout the duration of the plan.

Strategy 4: Provide education about substance use disorder (including stigma) to providers and staff in hospitals, urgent cares, and primary care practices.

- KPI 1: Through December 31, 2023, continue to provide education to 1,000 future and current practitioners about substance use disorder, including education to meet medication-assisted treatment waiver requirements.