# Meeting Minutes Pregnant and Parenting Women Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Approved

# Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members:** Tameran Asbury, Sandra Cline, Rebecca Crowder, David Didden, Rhonda Edmunds, Amna Haque, Corinne Lalama, Kelly Lemon, Dr. Stefan Maxwell (chair), Kim Mundy, Cody Smith, Amy Tolliver

Invited, Not Attending: Janine Breyel, Kristy Richardson-Ohlis, Randy Venable

**ODCP Staff:** Jessica Smith

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe, Bradley McCoy

# **Opening:**

Dr. Stefan Maxwell (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes. Dr. Cody Smith made a motion to approve without changes, and Tameran Asbury seconded with all in favor, and none opposed, and the minutes were approved. The purpose of the meeting was to review 2025 key performance indicators (KPIs) with discussions based on how to achieve these goals.

# Agenda:

### March 10, 2025 Subcommittee Chair Meeting:

 Bradley McCoy provided a reminder of the March meeting of Subcommittee chairs. Dr. Stefan Maxwell will likely need to attend virtually.

# **PRSI Screening Update:**

Amna Haque and Corrine Lalama provided PRSI screening updates from the West Virginia
Perinatal Partnership with a 90% response rate recorded. Corinne Lalama is working on data
analysis. After the data is recorded and analyzed, recommendations will be made for
improvement. Amna will be able to provide preliminary results at the March meeting.

## **Educational Programming Discussion:**

- The group discussed educational programming targeting alcohol and marijuana use for pregnant women. The group focused objectives around educating both providers and the public.
- The group could contact ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment) and Positive Community Norms to understand best practices in disseminating educational

components and how to best educate the public that many substances (alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana) are legal but not safe. Patients may continue using medical marijuana during pregnancy due to lack of awareness.

- Research outside government officials has the potential to be an area of focus.
- Several key informant interviews can be conducted in exploring fetal health.
- Dr. David Didden and Jessica Smith are reaching out to Dr. Stephen Loyd from the Office of Drug Control Policy to meet with them about education campaign options and funds. After internal discussions and bringing it back to the group, they will conduct research before proposing a motion to further education programs with the Bureau of Public Health.
- The group wants to discuss with providers their knowledge on medical marijuana usage during pregnancy.

# Adjournment:

Dr. Maxwell closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again March 20, 2025 at 10 A.M.