

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, April 1, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Joey McComas, Gwynn McGee, Jay Phillips

Guests Attending: Gwynn McGee, Mark Lanyon

Invited, Not Attending: Amber Blankenship, Emily Birckhead, Matt Johnson, Julian Levine, Dave Sanders, Josh Sapp, Nick Stuchell, Kristen Tiedeman

ODCP Staff: Laura McGuire

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe, Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Bob Hansen (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee - Housing Workgroup (Workgroup). The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve March 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to provide key performance indicator (KPI) updates and assess progress.

Agenda Items:

2025 Quarter 1 Progress Report, KPI Updates, and Performance Management Spreadsheet:

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of Quarter 1 progress updates included in the Quarter 1 Progress Report.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* The Workgroup is continuing to work on the capacity needs for all types of recovery housing. This KPI goal is 30% complete for Q1.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:* The group has met 20% of Q1 progress as Dr. Stephen Loyd met with them during the March meeting. Dr. Loyd assisted the group in identifying funding opportunities and discussed the strategic needs facing West Virginia.
- *Goal 1 Strategy 1, KPI 3:* The group is currently working towards recommending strategies that will hinge upon the completion of previous KPIs.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4:* Recovery residences have increased by 8.18%
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 5:* Recovery residence beds have increased by 5.08%.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2:* The Fletcher Group has webinars which need to be disseminated but can assist the group in meeting their KPI.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3:* Dr. Stephen Loyd has met with the group to discuss this KPI but there have been no next steps towards implementation of a coaching process at this time.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 4:* Hinges upon completion of KPI 3.

- *Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1:* A software system for data collection has been selected by the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) and will be adapted by the organization. This KPI is 100% completed.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2:* Data around barriers has not been collected yet.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 3:* This report will hinge upon the completion of work in KPI 2.

Legislature Items:

- The Workgroup discussed the proposed Senate bill which would mandate referrals to recovery houses. The bill requires 70% referral rate to people leaving treatment services to be referred to recovery residences. There are not enough recovery residences currently available so there are concerns about capacity. More beds are needed in recovery residences as currently the treatment beds outnumber the recovery residence beds at a 3 to 1 ratio.

Additional Discussion:

- The Workgroup discussed continuing with their current system of Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) certification. It will be addressed later if it is found to not be working in WV. The surrounding states have mandated similar certifications as it is a fast-growing trend within the last year.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM.