

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Treatment, Health Systems, and Research**  
**Subcommittee of the**  
**Governor's Council on**  
**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment**  
**Friday January 24, 2025, Approved**

**Attendees:**

**Subcommittee Members:** Dr. James Becker (co-chair), Dr. James Berry, Dr. Jorge Cortina, Dr. Garrett Moran, Hallie Morgan

**Not Attending:** Jostin Holmes, Dr. Michael Kilkenny (co-chair), Rebecca Roth

**ODCP Staff:** Jessica Smith

**Marshall University Staff:** Rachel Bledsoe, Deb Koester, Bradley McCoy

**Opening:**

Dr. James Becker (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Friday January 24, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the November meeting minutes. Dr. Jorge Cortina made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Dr. Garrett Moran. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved with all in favor, and none opposed. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2025 Plan and hear from Hallie Morgan about the West Virginia Hospital Association's Honors Program.

**Agenda:**

**Q1 Prioritization**

- Bradley McCoy shared the copy of the 2025 State Plan and the performance management spreadsheet.
- The group would like to continue to meet as a full subcommittee for expertise but will continue to work individually on necessary tasks.
- The group would like to meet with Dr. Stephen Loyd of ODCP to discuss moving forward on some of the KPIs. Jessica Smith is going to communicate this with ODCP. The group would like to be able to advocate for specific things rather than just review historical data but will need ODCP input.
- The group mentioned adding specifically "carceral settings" to Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2.
- Bradley McCoy is sharing the spreadsheet for all group members to review over the next week and come back together on Friday January 31, 2025 at 3:30 PM to discuss Quarter 1 prioritization and plan edits.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Subcommittee Chair Meeting**

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the March 10<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting of all subcommittee chairs to discuss cross-cutting KPIs from all sections of the 2025 State Plan.

**Hallie Morgan Presentation of West Virginia Hospital Association's Honors Program**

- Hallie Morgan with the West Virginia Hospital Association presented to the group about their Honors Program that awards hospitals based on performance on set indicators. 37 hospitals were recognized in 2024. The Opioid Response Initiative part of the program requires that hospitals educate staff on substance use disorder and stigma reduction. Last year they expanded the

activities to a required intervention component and clarification of what a “warm hand off” is. They also updated opioid monitoring in the data collection section. Hallie opened it up to the group to give feedback on various hospital barriers to improvement of performance such as transportation and post-discharge monitoring.

### **Other Business**

- Contingency management pay has increased, which will help make it more successful. Dr. Garrett Moran provided additional context:
  - “Until January 2025 SAMHSA imposed a limit of \$75 per patient per year on the allowable rewards for Contingency Management. Research has shown that this level of reward is insufficient to achieve the intended behavior change. SAMHSA updated the policy in January to allow a maximum reward of \$750 per patient per year, a level more consistent with the evidence base. The new SAMHSA policy is available at: [Using SAMHSA Funds To Implement Evidence-Based Contingency Management Services](#)”
- Groups are advocating for evidence-based increase in buprenorphine dosage limits.

### **Adjournment:**

Dr. Becker closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance. The subcommittee will meet again next week on Friday January 31 at 3:30 PM.