

# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Wednesday November 6, 2024, Approved

## Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder, Marty Hatfield, Cindy Hill, Ej Jenkins, Tiffany Pittman, JoAnna Vance

**Subcommittee Members Unable to Attend:** Misty Atkins, Michael Mitcheff, Elizabeth Shahan

**ODCP Staff:** Jostin Holmes

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

## Opening:

Bradley McCoy provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday November 6, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. The purpose of this meeting was to formalize 2025 State Plan.

## Agenda Items:

### 2025 State Plan Draft

- The group discussed the goals and expectations of the subcommittee. The group will focus on youth needs across prevention, treatment, and recovery continuum of care; but not duplicate the work of other subcommittees. Like stigma, youth is something cross cutting across all subcommittees.
- KPIs will address compiling of information to establish and understand the evidence base as a first step. This will enable identification of priorities, gaps, and barriers – esp. for treatment and recovery. Additional Goals, Strategies and KPIs will be added throughout the year as this evidence base allows.
- ODCP does not have a list of youth treatment and recovery facilities on their website, only a list of outpatient youth services. West Virginia is very limited in inpatient options.
- The group would like to evaluate the capacity and effectiveness of existing services and would like to differentiate between SUD-specific services as well as behavioral health services.
- ODCP's dashboard has the number of suspected overdoses by age range including 18 years and younger. This data does not differentiate between intentional and unintentional overdoses.
- The group would like to eventually identify innovative youth services occurring nationally and/or in the state to highlight and learn from them.
- The current draft of the plan is included below. Deb Koester and Bradley McCoy will work on editing the current draft and providing an introduction piece as well. They will send this to the group via email for feedback before finalization.

- The group would like the formation of a Youth Subcommittee Basecamp for resources, minutes, agendas, and collaborative work on the Plan.

**Confirm Chairs**

- Rebecca Crowder and JoAnna Vance both voiced their desire to co-chair this subcommittee. Elizabeth Shahan has also expressed interest. This will be established before the next meeting so the co-chairs can lead the group.

**Adjournment:**

Bradley McCoy closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday December 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

## **Youth 2025 State Plan – Working Meeting Draft**

### Youth 2025 State Plan Draft

#### **Goal 1: Support statewide prevention efforts.**

Strategy 1: Collaborate and support the Prevention Subcommittee 2025 State Plan.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2025, meet quarterly with the Prevention Subcommittee to discuss the existing prevention framework, 2025 Plan efforts and where support by the Youth Subcommittee is needed.

#### **Goal 2: Improve available, accessible, and equitable treatment and recovery services for youth.**

Strategy 1: Document the current youth treatment and recovery service ecosystem in West Virginia.

KPI 1: By June 30, 2025, develop a data profile for WV youth that reflects indicators such as suspected overdoses, suicide, etc.

KPI 2: By June 30, 2025, document existing treatment and recovery services for youth.

KPI 3: By June 30, 2025, conduct key informant interviews with stakeholders such as regional youth service centers to further understand what is available and where there are gaps for youth treatment and recovery services.

KPI 4: By April 30, 2025, meet with Treatment, Public Education, and Courts subcommittees to discuss improving treatment and recovery services for youth.

KPI 5: By August 31, 2025, develop and define the youth substance use disorder ecosystem that exists in West Virginia for youth treatment and recovery services (i.e., primary care, regional youth service centers, expanded school mental health).

KPI 6: By October 31, 2025, develop a written report and recommendations for youth treatment and recovery services.

KPI 7: By November 30, 2025, present all findings and recommendations to the Governor's Council to inform next steps.