

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee Tuesday December 10, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Stephanie Bond, Sam Hess, Judge Rowe, Stephanie Thornton (chair)

Members Not Attending: Amber Blankenship, Candace Facemyer, Cindy Hill, Tom Plymale

ODCP Staff: Justin Smith

Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Stephanne Thornton (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday December 10, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

Review 2024 Accomplishments, State Plan 2025, and Introduction Paragraph

- Stephanie Thornton shared the accomplishments she had already submitted for the December 18th meeting with the group.
- The group worked to edit their section of the State Plan's introductory paragraph which now reads as follows: "Amidst the surge in West Virginia's justice-involved population, fueled by the substance use disorder crisis, the Court Systems and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee emerges as a catalyst for change. The subcommittee identifies the elevated risk of overdose and/or recidivism among individuals with substance use disorders, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions. Leveraging the justice system as a platform, the subcommittee has explored strategies for linkage to treatment, employment, transportation, family reunification, and criminal record expungement related to substance use disorders and child abuse and neglect offenses across diverse jurisdictions statewide."
- Stephanie Bond is sharing an update on LEAD to judges and magistrates again after the first of the year to remind the already informed and inform those who are new post-election.
- Wexford Health has submitted January-November data to Stephanie Thornton about the number of those who indicate having substance use disorder at their jail intake. Anyone who has a positive drug screen then gets an opioid use disorder screener and those who meet DSM-5 criteria for opioid use disorder get access to buprenorphine (MOUD) and are checked for withdrawal symptoms. Wexford's yearly average for those with SUD was 30%. This meets what is anecdotally to be expected for the percentage of those who have OUD but is very low for what is to be expected for everyone with SUD. The group would like to invite Wexford

representative, Dr. Davenport, to speak to this at a future subcommittee meeting. The data sent to Stephanie may need to be better defined because it appears the variable “number of people placed on detox” is being used as a synonym for the percentage of people who have SUD and those are actually two separate variables.

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- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the plan for the December 18th governor’s council meeting. The group has already finalized their section of the 2025 State Plan and sent in their accomplishments and topics of discussion.

Q4 KPI Progress

- The group actively worked on the Q4 KPI Progress document and Stephanie Thornton will share a clean copy with Bradley McCoy.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100% complete, and getting more clarification from Wexford.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 100% complete, have the costs but still acknowledge the barriers to expansion.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3: 100% complete.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4: 75% complete, Jostin Holmes is working on a comprehensive SUD resource map for ODCP and working with WVU to expand their dashboards.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1: 100% complete.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2: The group hopes that Dr. Stephen Loyd will give a presentation on this to new judges and magistrates in the new year. Stephanie Bond has sent flyers on treatment types and availability around as well.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3: 25% complete, ODCP is working to expand their dashboards. Justin Smith uses a bed availability report where participants are reminded weekly to update their availability. This is updated in a Google Form and automatically populates to the ODCP website. Currently 29 facilities report this. Justin has shared this link with those who seek bed availability. The link is:
https://tableau.dhhr.wv.gov/views/SUDBedAvailability/SUD_dash?%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y
- Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 4: 100% complete, Stephanie Thornton has written a protocol that needs sent to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Institute.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1: 100% complete.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2: 0% complete, Stephanie Thornton has reached out to Dr. Lyn O’Connell and hopes to collaborate next year.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 100% complete.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2: 100% complete, Stephanie Thornton is sharing all transportation information with the group.

Additional Discussion

- Justin Smith shared a link to SAMHSA’s Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs (2024): <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/federal-guidelines-opioid-treatment-programs-2024/pep24-02-011>

Adjournment:

Stephanne closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday January 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

