

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday January 23, 2025, Approved**

## **Attendees:**

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Tiffany Pittman, JoAnna Vance

**Invited, Not Attending:** Cindy Hill, Jostin Holmes, Ej Jenkins, Michael Mitcheff, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair)

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

## **Opening:**

Rebecca Crowder 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 Thursday, January 23, and was conducted by Zoom conference. There was not a quorum present to approve minutes from December 11, 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Q1 KPI Prioritization.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Confirm Chairs and Membership**

- Reconfirmed Membership by Group Attendees

### **Quarterly Tracking Spreadsheet for Progress, Goals, Strategies, KPI measurement**

- Bradley McCoy introduced a management tracking spreadsheet to track quarterly progress, goals, strategies, and KPIs.

### **March 10 Subcommittee Meeting**

- The March 10 Meeting for Chairs Collaboration is announced as it can assist in meeting KPI requirements. The meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with location announced to be held in Charleston.

### **2025 Spreadsheet: Goals, KPIs, and Strategy:**

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4:** Meeting in March should address the completion for Q1.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 5:** In relation to the Youth Eco-System, the group discusses information gathering could begin with grant overviews, ODCP data dashboard. However, it is not conclusive if an overdose is a suicide.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Raj Masih sends overdose data which is relative to KPI 1. These reports could expound on youth overdoses. Tahnee Bryant will reach out to Raj Masih.

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The group will research residential type programs and the best programming to narrow down resources and waiting period. The waiting period may be reliant on workforce deficit. The group cannot imply that all overdoses are substance use related.
- **Group discussion:** For infant mortality rates and review boards reviews to access information may be able to access percentages in each county and supplement towards creating a master list. Barry Faucet is a member of the Fatality Board, and Tahnee Bryant can reach out for information.
- **KPI 1 Goal 2:** Break down the statistics for mental health versus substance use. Rebecca Crowder will compile research guides for behavioral health offering children services. Tahnee Bryant shared <https://www.help4wv.com/> which listed detailed the services offered by Help4WV related to parents, children relationships and youth services, as well as school resources.
- **Group Discussion:** Long-term behavioral healthcare and insurance coverage for youth specifically, especially children under the age of 12. The group might want to connect with Jenny Lancaster, with Stigma Free WV.

#### **Next Steps**

- In February, the group is reaching out to the Infant/Child Mortality Board, compiling overdose data, and may connect with other resources to further understand the counties overdose and mental health statistics. This will help in understanding the relationship between counties and provide a collaborative and comparative analysis.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025. Calendar invites will be sent for upcoming meeting.

#### **Adjournment:**

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. Subcommittee will meet again in February 2025.