

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Attending: Stephanie Bond, Candace Facemyer, Marty Hatfield, Stephanie Thornton (Chair)

Invited, Not Attending: Amber Blankenship, Sam Hess, Cindy Hill, Judge Rowe, Tom Plymale

ODCP Staff: Laura McGuire, 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, March 11, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the February 2025 minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to establish plans for collaboration with other Subcommittees and provide key performance indicator (KPI) updates.

Agenda Items:

Subcommittee Chair Collaboration

- Stephanie Thornton and Bradley McCoy provided an update about the March 10, 2025 Subcommittee Chair collaboration meeting.
- Stephanie Thornton agreed that a collaboration meeting of the Courts, Treatment, Recovery, Youth, and Pregnant and Parenting Women Subcommittees could meet the KPIs of all groups. The meeting could begin with mapping youth treatment, recovery, and juvenile resources. Then the Courts, Treatment, and Recovery groups could discuss case management resources across the continuum of release and care.
- Stephanie Thornton will invite Ashley Payne to a future meeting to discuss second chance employment.
- Stephanie Thornton will invite Dr. Lyn O'Connell to a future meeting to discuss stigma reduction for pregnant women and how to communicate non-punitive care.
- Stephanie Thornton has invited Patrick Mirandy, Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation Chief of Staff, to the April meeting to discuss post-release naloxone distribution and how to make it more readily available. There is a current concern that the lack of saturation for inmates makes it difficult for them to use naloxone as an intervention. The newest naloxone policy is that it is offered to all people leaving a carceral facility, but sometimes that may only be a sign that it is available. Additionally, there are those who leave by court arraignment and do not have a final interaction at the jail to receive naloxone. Stephanie is sharing the current naloxone policy document with the group.

KPI Updates and Quarterly Progress Report

- The group actively worked on the performance management spreadsheet and provided percentages of completion for the KPIs in the Quarter 1 Progress Report during the meeting.
- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 15% complete. The Subcommittee has invited Patrick Mirandy to the April meeting.
- Goal 1, Strategy 2: 0% complete. The group is scheduling soon with the Youth Subcommittee.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2: 0% complete. Justin Smith continues to have contribution to his treatment bed availability database, but this information needs disseminated.
- Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 3: 0% complete. The group is scheduling soon with the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittees.
- Goal 1, Strategy 4, KPI 1: 100% complete. The Recovery Subcommittee chairs already attended the meeting to discuss family peer certification.
- Goal 1, Strategy 5, KPI 1: 20% complete. Groups are currently advocating for funding for Family Treatment Courts and are expanding.
- Goal 1, Strategy 6, KPI 1: 10% complete. Scheduling soon with the Youth Subcommittee.
- Goal 1, Strategy 6, KPI 2: 25% complete. The March 10th Subcommittee Chair meeting partially met this; however, continued communication is needed.
- Goal 1, Strategy 7, KPI 1: 25% complete. The March 10th Subcommittee Chair meeting partially met this; however, continued communication is needed.
- Goal 1, Strategy 7, KPI 3: 100% complete. Stephanie Thornton and Stephanie Bond met with the WV Perinatal Partnership. They have shared resources with Wexford about obstetrics providers who work with Drug Free Moms and Babies.
- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: 50% complete. This checklist is complete and has been sent to Sam Hess. A training will be available to public defender offices.
- Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 1: 100% complete. Deb Harris joined a previous meeting.

Additional Discussion

- The Subcommittee members expressed concern regarding those without moderate to severe opioid use disorder (OUD) being prescribed suboxone in jail. Individuals may not meet the criteria for OUD/suboxone for several reasons. One example is that meth users are preemptively prescribed suboxone because of the traces of opioids found in most meth supplies.

Adjournment:

Stephanne closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 10 a.m.