

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment January 15, 2025**

## **Attendees:**

Christina Mullins, Bob Hansen, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Koester, Lyn O'Connell, Garret Moran, Dr. Berry, Rebecca Crowder, Dr. Kilkenny, Dr. Becker, Nick Stuchell, Janine Breyel, Laura Jones McGuire, Linda Boyd, Stephanie Hayes, Sheila Reynolds, Dr. Loyd, Commissioner William Marshall, Amber Blankenship, Dan McCawley, Stephanie Thornton, Chessie Short, Bradley McCoy, Brittney Lawrey, Keith King, Cabinet Secretary Robert Cunningham, Elizabeth Shahan,

## **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 by the Acting Chair, Christina Mullins. The meeting was conducted by Zoom conference. Quorum was established.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2024 Meeting**

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the July 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Amy Saunders moved the approval and Dr. Becker seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent without further discussion.

### **Update on timeline for Council**

The Council heard an update on the current timeline for upcoming activities of the council.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Office of Drug Control Policy**

Dr. Loyd provided an update on the ODCP. First, he welcomed Laura Jones McGuire as the Assistant Director. The Office had been in a holding pattern during the administration change. It had also been working on tracking data, the status of the governor's council, and meeting with the Governor's transition team. The Office was ready to release the news of a 38% drop in the overdose death rate for the same time period last year. This translated to over 300 people whose lives had been saved from overdose death.

### **Bureau for Medical Services**

The Bureau has received approval of renewal of the SUD 1115 that included expanding PRSS services into ERs and FQHCs, and expanding of ASAM level 3.7. New services being added: supportive housing, employment and pre-release services. The Bureau's goal was to get MAT (suboxone) into

corrections and care coordination, with individuals leaving corrections with a 30 days supply for all meds including MOUD.

Discussion was had on the difference between these new services and the existing services. Dr. These services were not being provided consistently and a key part of this allows for coverage for 90 days prior to their discharge, which is a cost savings and allows for continuity of care and also addresses access to medication issues.

### **Adjournment**

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn by Dr. Berry which was seconded by Amy Saunders. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:33 p.m.