



RECOVERY ADVOCACY DAY

WVAAPP's Recovery Advocacy Day focuses on identifying areas of interest related to treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts including legislation impacting West Virginians.

KEY INFORMATION

- West Virginia is one of few states seeing a decline in overdose deaths – our collective efforts are having an impact and saving lives!!!
- Professionals, including the prevention and peer workforce, must be trained properly regarding Substance Use Disorders and best practices across the continuum of care.
- Pathways for workforce development need to be addressed in higher education and ongoing continuing education to assure an effective and informed system of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention/Treatment/Recovery – Mandatory Certification for SUD Professionals is a critical component "IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED, GET CERTIFIED".
- Support for a Health Professionals Program in the Mental Health/SUD Arena – similar to WVJLAP, RESTORE & WVMPHP Professional Assistance Programs.
- THC Concentration Limits, Warning Labels for Medical Cannabis as well as Delta 8/Kratom Products– safeguards must be established to prevent dangerous repercussions experienced by our residents.
- WVARR is Effective – the Recovery Residence Certification process is a success and must be maintained to strengthen protection for vulnerable individuals.
- There is a concern that Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are not consistently following ASAM Placement Guidelines for Residential SUD Treatment which is contributing to homelessness, overdose deaths and recidivism. Legislators need to be aware of the impact this has on their constituents.

EVENT CO-HOSTS



Bills we support:

HB 2833 - Higher Education Funding – Behavioral Health Workforce Education Initiative

HB 3160 – Clarifying Role of CPS Registry

SB 546 – Making Delta 8/10 and Kratom Controlled Substances

HB 2756 – Placing Medical Marijuana on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

SB 241 – Related to Patient Brokering Act

HB 2548 – Relating to Temporary Identification Cards for Released Inmates – passed in the House 2/9/2023

Com Sub for SB 239 –Requiring Bureau for Behavioral Health to study Homelessness

Bills to watch:

HB 3306 – Organizational structure of the WV office of Drug Control Policy

HB 2019 – Related to SB 546 – this bill made Delta 8/10 illegal for minors

HB 3346 – Establishing Regional Mental Hygiene Commissioners

HB 2196 – Exempting University Medical Programs for CON to develop OTP/Methadone Maintenance Programs

SB 521 – Improving patient safety in medical cannabis program – makes edibles available only if shaped/designed to entice children/adds PDNP for medical cannabis

Bill we oppose:

SB 242 – Restrictions on SUD Residential Treatment Programs

SB 147 – Pilot Program Tenancy rights for Sober Living environments (Cabell County)

Com Sub for SB 243 – Pertaining to paying for transportation to out of state consumers back to their home state for SUD Residential Treatment Centers

HB 2546 – Same concept as above SB 243

SB 8 – Clarifying tenancy to include persons living in sober living homes

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

