The ASASC received recommendations from its substance abuse policy planning workgroup, formerly the workgroup that completed the Substance Abuse Strategic Plan SM71 report. Two policy recommendations and a suggestion regarding incentives are:

I. Parenting and pregnant women with substance use issues are given priority for treatment on demand.

II. Gender-specific and trauma-informed treatment practice is made widely available to pregnant and parenting women with substance abuse issues, especially those within the criminal justice system.

State agencies should create policies and protocols that accomplish the goals of these recommendations, including possibly altering contractual language and providing incentives, such as increasing reimbursement rates by a small percentage and/or offering Federal technical assistance opportunities.