

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday March 27, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Misty Atkins, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), EJ Jenkins, Elizabeth Shahan

Invited, Not Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Cindy Hill, Michael Mitcheff, Tiffany Pittman, JoAnna Vance

Marshall University Staff: 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, March 27, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. There was not a quorum present to approve minutes from December 2024, January 2025, and February 2025. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2025 Plan goals, strategies, and key performance indicators (KPIs).

Agenda Items:

March 10 Subcommittee Chair Collaboration Meeting

- Rebecca Crowder provided an overview of the March 10, 2025 Subcommittee Chair meeting.

2025 KPI Progress and Quarterly Progress Report

- Rebecca Crowder has compiled a list of youth resources using a few different websites. Help4WV has a list of inpatient behavioral health treatment services for youth, but it is uncertain what their capacity is for treating substance use disorder (SUD) among youth. Rebecca is calling each of them to confirm if they treat youth SUD.
- Elizabeth Shahan is compiling a list of juvenile drug courts.
- Misty Atkins met with the Fatality Review Board to ask about youth data. Her contact is getting back with her once they find out what data they are allowed to share with this group.
- HerPlan.org has a list of youth services.
- Cassandra Tolliver and Laura Hunt are the contacts for child crisis units. Someone from this Subcommittee will engage them for information.
- Kids Thrive Child Welfare has a dashboard of information.
- The Subcommittee discussed the issue of stigma in providers who believe youth can only be chemically dependent on substances and do not treat them for SUD.
- The Subcommittee will reach out to behavioral comprehensives to discuss youth referrals to treatment and resources. EJ Jenkins has worked in this space previously

and knows that a lot of resources are kept on paper and are not able to be found on Google. This is a problem for lay people seeking treatment.

- Elizabeth Shahan is contacting CW Dent to discuss school referrals to SUD resources.
- The Subcommittee is finalizing a list of whom they want to send their survey to. They discussed how general or specific it should be. The group will send Rebecca Crowder questions they would like to cover. The Prevention Subcommittee also made good suggestions already.

Next Steps

- Rebecca will call the resources she has found to confirm if any of them treat youth SUD.
- Elizabeth Shahan is compiling a list of juvenile drug courts.
- The chairs will compile their lists of resources.
- Someone will reach out to PRSSs who work with Youth.
- Elizabeth Shahan is contacting CW Dent.
- The Subcommittee will send the chairs their survey questions.
- In April, the chairs will meet with Bradley McCoy to create the survey and then present it to the group at the April meeting for feedback before dissemination.

Adjournment:

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday April 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM.