

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

Attendees:

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

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

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

Agenda Items:

Review of 2025 Plan for implementation

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Elizabeth Shahan will share the most recent overdose data. Data collected will include overdose and suicide rates. The suicide data can be collected from DHHR. Tahnee Bryant can assist in gathering this information. Youth exposure to substances such as marijuana and alcohol will be included. The group would like to focus on intentional use of substances that could lead to substance use disorder and not instances will infant accidental exposure.
 - Preliminary data for January has 3 suicides aged 18 and under.
 - February has reported one inconclusive youth suicide for 2025.
- The group discussed creating a survey to send to providers, behavioral comprehensive health centers, and treatment/recovery facilities to ask them what services they currently provide. This survey would complete both KPI 2 (document existing services) and KPI 3 (may replace the key informant interviews to get more information from more people).
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** create comparative research to identify gaps, barriers, and challenges. The proposal is to develop a Master Resource Guide. Rebecca Crowder will research Help4WV database for listed resources and treatment options. These will be cross compared to other available resources. The ODCP website has listed county by county data for juvenile drug court availability.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Key informant interviews can target treatment centers, behavioral health, and possible pediatricians. Pediatricians are usually the front line, the first stop for many families because that is the only doctor they know to approach. Their unique experience could be beneficial to providing procedural guidelines. Child Protective Service intake evaluations could be a potential resource.

March 10 Subcommittee Chair Collaboration Meeting

- The March 10, 2025 Subcommittee Chairs' collaboration meeting will assist in meeting Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 4. The chairs are preparing talking points for the meeting to discuss data collected and understood gaps. They will ask other chairs for input for data points and additional barriers and challenges for youth. The group will collaboratively work on data points to share March 10.

Next Steps

- In March, the Subcommittee is gathering possible survey/interview questions. This will assist in data compilation. They hope to actively work on creating this on the next call.

Adjournment:

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on March 27, 2025, with the March 10 Subcommittee Chairs' collaboration meeting to be attended before the next meeting date.