

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday August 21, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Tammy Collins, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Greg Puckett, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Michele Bowles, Christina Chill, Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Gig Robinson

Guests Attending: Mary Argento, Kristin Strosnider, Jessica Whitmore

State Opioid Response Staff: Mark Lanyon, Gwynn McGee

Office of Drug Control Policy Staff: Olivia Fox, Dr. Stephen Loyd, Dora Radford

State Opioid Response Regional Coordinators: Barbra Masih, Raj Masih, Alyssa Parker, Jill Poe, Jamie Styons

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe, Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amy Saunders (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Prevention Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 9:00 AM and was conducted by Zoom conference. The May, June, and July 2025 meeting minutes were approved by a quorum via email on July 25, 2025. Tahnee Bryant made a motion by email to approve the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Gig Robinson, with all in favor and none opposed. Five additional subcommittee members responded to support the motion by email for a total of seven. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss priority indicators to present to the legislature in 2026 and include in the 2026 State Plan.

Prioritization of Indicators and Policy for Next Year

- Amy Saunders asked the Subcommittee to discuss indicators that they are already measuring around the state from members' associated groups. These measurable indicators will be included in a list for Dr. Stephen Loyd to plug into the Recovery Ecosystem Model and for him to discuss with the legislature next year. Measurable indicators will provide concrete evidence for impact and outcomes. The Subcommittee also wanted to discuss indicators they could measure in the future as part of the 2026 State Plan and what they could seek funding to measure.
- Amy shared with the Subcommittee the list of indicators she had already come up with for Dr. Loyd and Dr. Deb Koester and Tahnee Bryant pointed out that Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH) will not be funded next year.
- The Subcommittee would like to focus on tracking youth involvement with prevention leadership coalitions/groups.
- Prevention Lead Organizations (PLOs) already track a number of indicators that can be shared such as the number of people reached/served by their various trainings and resources the number of schools implementing evidence-based prevention training from the Clearinghouse database, and the number of communities/cities/counties with tobacco and vape shop zoning ordinances. They would also like to track the number of kids involved in pro-social activities

outside of school. Although it would be less of a numerical value and a qualitative change, they would like to track school board policy that moves from punitive to restorative for treatment and clinical care.

- The State Opioid Response (SOR) coordinators track overdoses and spike alerts. This information should be included in Dr. Loyd's talking points as well even though they are not associated with any one Subcommittee.
- The Subcommittee discussed the benefit of a universal prevention data system to track all things related to prevention training and resources but there is a need for funding to do it.
- Lori Garrett-Bumba shared a link to the Marshall University Center of Excellence data dashboard: <https://dashboard.mucenterofexcellence.org/> Amy is connecting with Olivia Fox at ODCP to coordinate a time to present it to Dr. Loyd and his ODCP staff.
- Greg Puckett shared that the National League of Cities is piloting a program to measure wastewater in Cabell, Monongalia, and Mercer counties. He is reaching out to Olivia Fox at ODCP to coordinate a meeting with Dr. Loyd about this program.
- The Subcommittee discussed a policy focus on requiring prescribers to utilize Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) before prescribing. Tahnee Bryant is sending Dr. Loyd Marshall University's latest data on PDMP usage. Dr. Loyd wants that report communicated to prescribers in an easily digestible and concise manner. Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) requires that buprenorphine prescribers check the PDMP before prescribing.
- Amy Saunders is going to meet with the State Pharmacy Board to discuss the aggregate data for counties' prescriptions. She invited Jessica Whitmore to join that conversation as well.
- License renewal for prescribers in the state requires an 8-hour training on substance use and opioids.
- Virginia and Tennessee utilized a method called Top 50 Letters in which they sent letters to all the top 50 prescribers in the state and saw positive changes in lower numbers of prescriptions after.
- The Subcommittee would like the legislature to focus on helping cities/counties enact zoning for tobacco/vape shops similar to alcohol density and mapping.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Progress and Goal Leader Report Outs

- This agenda item was not discussed.

Community Conversations and Fall Planning

- This agenda item was not discussed.

Adjournment:

Amy closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM.