

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, September 2, 2025, Approved**

## **Attendees:**

**Workgroup Members Attending:** Emily Birckhead, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Matt Joey McComas

**Workgroup Members Not Attending:** Matt Johnson, Jay Phillips, Kristen Tiedeman, Krista White

**Guests Attending:** Mary Agnes Argento, Nick Stuchell, Jessica Whitmore

**State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending:** Mark Lanyon

**Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending:** Rick Dempsey

**SOR Regional Coordinators Attending:** Adrienne Brubaker

**Marshall University Staff Attending:** Bradley McCoy

## **Opening:**

Bob Hansen (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee - Housing Workgroup (Workgroup). The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. A quorum of Workgroup members was not present but Rick Dempsey, Associate Director at the Office of Drug Control Policy, acted as fifth member to approve the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Emily Birckhead made a motion to approve without changes, and Joey McComas seconded with all in favor and none opposed. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with all in favor. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) updates.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **2025 KPI Updates and Performance Management Spreadsheet Review**

- Bob Hansen will send Bradley McCoy percentages of completion for the Quarter 3 Progress Report due on September 26, 2025.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Emily Birckhead is still working with the Fletcher Group to discuss what they can contract with them to provide around data. Qualitative data and anecdotes have been collected. The Workgroup discussed the capacity of communities to support housing. Mapping where recovery residences are located and defining deserts will not show the context and data around why residences do not exist in these areas, but it is a place to start. The legislature wants context around the transition from treatment to recovery so for example, they want to see if the number of treatment beds available in Wood County match the number of available recovery beds in Wood County. Bob Hansen would like to meet with an internal group about this before the next Workgroup meeting.

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Workgroup discussed an upcoming one-time funding opportunity from SOR, but they will fund expansions of what is currently working and not new building capacity.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Not discussed.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPIs 4 and 5:** Danny Hale will send Bradley updated numbers for the Quarter 3 Progress Report. The group discussed how in the 2026 Plan they will refer to this differently as exploring trend data so that it does not look like there is incentivization to push residences through the certification process. This data will help the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) and the Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) to determine their internal workflow as well.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** The conference will occur on September 9, 2025.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** Autumn McGraw has started offering regularly scheduled trainings related to parts of the certification process to lessen the amount of time spent doing one-on-one mentorship and reach as many people as possible.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** Not discussed.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 4:** Not discussed.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1:** This has been completed with the implementation of Behave Health. It has daily updated data of admissions, discharges, and bed availability. Some are excited about the data, but some operators are not excited about the technical aspects of it. Some operators that are not using Behave Health are only doing so because they are currently in an existing contract with another company. Danny and Emily believe that more operators will join each year as contracts are switched over.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2:** Not discussed.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 3:** Not discussed.

#### **Recovery Ecosystem Model Indicators**

- Bob Hansen provided an overview of the work done with other Subcommittee Chairs as subject matter experts to put together a list of measurable indicators for Dr. Stephen Loyd to use in a Recovery Ecosystem Model and use this data to inform the legislature next year. Bradley McCoy will send a draft version to Workgroup members for their input.

#### **Community Conversations**

- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the Community Conversations and the schedule. The first virtual Community Conversation has already occurred. The virtual format will be the same as in previous years with the exception that a “open discussion” breakout group is being added. The two additional virtual and four in-person Community Conversations are scheduled for:
  - Wednesday September 3rd 1:00-3:00 (virtual)
  - Friday September 5th 1:00-3:00 (virtual)
  - Tuesday September 9th 3:45-5:15 (in person, Charleston, WV)
  - Thursday September 11th 6:00-8:00 (in person, Logan, WV)
  - Monday September 15th 4:00-6:00 (in person, Moorefield, WV)
  - Tuesday September 16th (4:00-6:00) (in person, Wheeling (WV)

#### **Adjournment:**

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 1:00 PM.