

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

July 16, 2025, Approved

Location: Virtual

Chair: Deputy Secretary Christina Mullins

Attendees: Deb Koester, Bradley McCoy, Keith King, Dan McCawley, Elizabeth Shahan, Chief Shawn Scwertfeger, Stephanie Thornton, Amy Saunders, Stephen Loyd, Christina Mullins, Rebecca Crowder, Lyn O'Connell, Rick Dempsey, Dr. James Berry

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Meeting called to order by Deputy Secretary Mullins.
- Overview of agenda and objectives for the session.

2. 2025 State Plan Overview – Deb Koester

- Plan includes **26 Goals, 47 Strategies, 142 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**.
- Over **100 subcommittee members** engaged; more than **60 meetings held in 2025 to date**.
- Emphasis on documenting **outputs and outcomes**.
- ODCP and SOR Regional Coordinators joined to provide updates.

3. Focus Areas (9 total)

1. Community Engagement
2. Courts & Justice-Involved Populations
3. Law Enforcement
4. Recovery Community
5. Pregnant & Parenting Women
6. Prevention
7. Public Education

8. Treatment, Health Systems, & Research
9. Youth

4. Law Enforcement Updates – Chief Shawn Schwertfeger

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1:** Implementation of **ODMAP** for identifying drug trafficking routes and ensuring overdose data entry compliance.
- **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT):** 6 trainings held; 56 participants from 14 counties.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1:** Ongoing education for law enforcement on diversion, trauma-informed care, and cultural sensitivity.
- **Emotional Intelligence Training:** 12 trainings held, 407 trained across multiple counties and agencies.
- **Handle With Care (HWC) Training:** 9 sessions, 415 trained including educators, law enforcement, first responders, and child advocates.
- **Child Maltreatment & Mandated Reporting Training:** Trainings delivered to law enforcement and allied professionals.

5. Quarterly Progress Reports

- **Quarter 1 (Jan–Mar 2025):**
 - 33 subcommittee meetings.
 - 10 KPIs completed (100%).
 - About one-third of KPIs initiated.
- **Quarter 2 (Apr–Jun 2025):**
 - 29 subcommittee meetings.
 - 30 KPIs (21%) fully completed.
 - 59 KPIs (41%) initiated with outputs/outcomes documented.

6. Community Engagement

- Upcoming **Community Conversations** scheduled:
 - **Virtual:** Aug 27, Sept 3, Sept 5, 2025
 - **In-Person:** Sept 9 (Charleston), Sept 11 (Logan), Sept 15 (Moorefield), Sept 16 (Wheeling)

- Over **50 facilitators were trained**.
- Final report will inform the **2026 State Plan**.

7. 2025 Timeline

- Reviewed implementation schedule for goals, strategies, and training initiatives.

8. Closing Remarks

- Reports from subcommittee chairs.
- Next steps: continue progress tracking, prepare for Community Conversations, and refine KPI collection.
- Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2025.