Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Approved

Attendees:
Subcommittee Members: Adam Crawford, Misty Atkins, Julie Lockhart, Jason Milton, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Errol Randle
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Beth Bailey, Lata Menon, Brad Story, Kevin Williams
Office of Drug Control Policy Staff Attending: Rick Dempsey, Olivia Fox, Justin Smith
State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon, Gwyn McGee
State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Christina Adkins, Tyler Kerns, Lauren Kotz, Raj Masih, Jill Poe, Greg Puckett
Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:
Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (Chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Law Enforcement Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to create a 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:
2026 State Plan
- The Subcommittee made real time edits to update the 2025 State Plan to the 2026 State Plan. The version finalized on the meeting is included below. Chief Shawn Schwertfeger will present this section of the Plan to ODCP and the other Subcommittee chairs at the December 4, 2025 meeting in person in Charleston, West Virginia.
- Goal 1 will continue to measure the number of trainings for law enforcement officers, but it will more explicitly define the types of training.
- Goal 2 was updated to specify that it was the number of spike alert notifications.
- Goal 3 was updated to include the training provided to other types of first responders about law enforcement training, diversion programs, and opportunities for collaboration. This training was also more explicitly defined. The Subcommittee will track the number of responders trained and their location, like the officers in Goal 1.
- Goal 4 will continue to ask for a quarterly update on diversion programs and Handle With Care. Chief Schwertfeger and Stephanne Thornton (the Courts Subcommittee chair) have discussed diversion programs and identified them as a priority in the Community Conversations Summary Report; however, Chief Schwertfeger is hesitant to add anything about mapping diversion programs to this section of the Plan so as to not duplicate work in the Courts section of the Plan.

Additional Discussion:

- Errol Randle will present to statewide magistrates on December 3, 2025 in Charleston, West Virginia about mental health and mental hygiene commissioners. He asked the Subcommittee to send him anything additional they would like presented to the magistrates.

Adjournment:

Chief Schwertfeger closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Law Enforcement 2026 State Plan

Goal 1: Equip and train law enforcement agencies on key topics related to substance use disorder.

Strategy 1: Provide education and training annually that includes but is not limited to, harm reduction, principles, overdose response (i.e., Naloxone and how to access Naloxone), self-care, and stigma).

KPI 1: By December 31, 2026, provide at least ten training events per year (virtual and/or in-person) for law enforcement such as CIT Training, Emotional Intelligence Training, Mental Health First Aid, and Handle With Care.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2026, track the number of law enforcement officers trained by county for all training events listed in KPI 1.

Goal 2: Provide law enforcement with analytical tools, techniques, resources, and policies to improve enforcement of drug laws.

Strategy 1: Utilize the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program to identify drug trafficking routes across state lines and encourage local law enforcement to enter overdose data.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2026, continue notification of state and local law enforcement agencies of overdose events and apparent drug routes identifiable via the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2026, track and report the number of spike alert notifications sent monthly.

KPI 3: By December 31, 2026, provide up to three trainings to law enforcement on how to use data in/from the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program platform.

Goal 3: Continue and strengthen crisis intervention training for law enforcement, as well as other first responders including but not limited to fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), corrections, and Emergency Department (ED) staff.

Strategy 1: Provide education and training to all law enforcement officers and other listed entities on diversion, trauma-informed care, and cultural sensitivity.

KPI 1: By December 31, 2026, provide at least five training events (virtual and/or in-person) that includes Angel, crisis intervention training, Sequential Intercept Model (i.e., Intercept 0), and social determinants of health.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2026, document the reach and location of law enforcement officers and first responders, corrections staff, EMS, and ED staff trained.

Goal 4: Strengthen use and understanding of the evidence base/implementation for Handle with Care and diversion programs.

Strategy 1: Establish effective processes that enable collection, analysis, and dissemination of data reflecting Handle with Care and other diversion programs (i.e., law enforcement assisted diversion) being implemented in West Virginia.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2026, develop a quarterly written summary of activities for Angel, Handle With Care, and other diversion programs.

KPI 2: By December 31, 2026, based on the review of activities and data, develop strategies for sharing and dissemination of the data to key stakeholders.