

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Tammy Collins, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Jenny Lancaster, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Michele Bowles, Christina Chill, Nancy Hoffman, Greg Puckett, Gig Robinson
Guests Attending: Mary Agnes Argento, Kasey Forsell
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Olivia Fox, Jessica Smith
State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon, Gwyn McGee, Renee Harris
State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Barbra Masih, Jamie Styons
Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amy Saunders 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, November 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Stephanie Hayes and Amy Saunders approved of the October 16, 2025 meeting minutes and there was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss priorities for the 2026 State Plan and timeline for finalization.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Priorities

- Amy Saunders shared the Quarter 3 Progress Report to discuss completed versus ongoing tasks. She opened the discussion to the Subcommittee for priority focus areas for the 2026 State Plan.
- There needs to be a focus on regulations and inspections of substances and shops providing them. For example, the public needs to be aware of what entities are responsible for investigating each substance. Nicotine and Kratom are investigated by different groups. School systems should also be aware of whom to report this information to. There is a concern that vape shops continue to operate because people are unaware of who to report them to. Vape stores are also not locally owned so it is difficult to locate the actual owner and enforce anything.
- Goal 2's activities are ongoing and next year's Plan will continue to address educating the legislature and planning Prevention Day activities.
- Tammy Collins provided an update on youth listening sessions. Youth want autonomy to plan their own events and work as co-trainers since they consider themselves subject matter experts with a more in-tune sense of youth needs.
- Elizabeth Shahan provided an update on youth focus groups in her region. They held 5 focus groups at community centers and schools, and a report is forthcoming.
- Goal 3's activities will be ongoing because the survey is being launched on December 1, 2025 to kindergarten-12th grade schools.

- Goal 4's activities were completed, but they want to promote the Prevention Specialist curriculum and credentialing guide. Jenny Lancaster offered to send it to the Help and Hope listserv.
- The Subcommittee would like to develop a paper of best practices for schools to address the most required programs in the best use of their time and dollars. For example, they can cover Laken's Law and other areas with just one evidence-based practice rather than multiple trainings. This paper can build on the state requirements that already exist. This Subcommittee wants to understand the landscape of trainings occurring in schools now and how to combine them into evidence-based practices for the most efficiency.
- Dr. Stephen Loyd has identified naloxone access in schools as a priority.
- Prescriber and pharmacist education is a priority. Lindsay Acree already has a training that can be utilized.
- The Subcommittee would like to develop a key findings report from existing data dashboards (such as Marshall's that has current data) for coalitions to more easily interpret.
- Amy Saunders and Stephanie Hayes will work to rank priorities and develop a 2026 State Plan draft to be shared with the Subcommittee for final edits and suggestions before being submitted to Bradley McCoy and Deb Koester next week.

Additional Discussion

- None.

Adjournment:

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