Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Approved

Attendees:
Subcommittee Members: Misty Atkins, Beth Bailey, Lata Menon, Jason Milton, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Errol Randle, Kevin Williams
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Adam Crawford, Julie Lockhart, Brad Story
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Rick Dempsey, Olivia Fox
State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Tyler Kerns, Lauren Kotz, Raj Masih, Jill Poe
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, December 9, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2025 key performance indicator (KPI) completion.

Agenda Items:
Finalized 2025 4th Quarter Progress Report and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Updates
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1 and 2:** Both are 100%, The Law Enforcement Subcommittee is continuing to send Crisis Intervention Trainings updates. Lata will send an updated list of trainings and counties represented before the end of the year.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1**: 100%, The Subcommittee encouraged the mapping of overdoses and will continue the "spike" alerts throughout the regions as a warning for potential overdoses.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2**: 100%, Justin Smith will send Bradley a monthly breakdown of spike alert notifications. The Subcommittee also suggested obtaining 911 data to correlate with the notifications.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 100%, The Subcommittee continues to provide updates on ODMAP and have added it to Errol Randle's trainings.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1 & 2**: 100%, November training took place involving Law Enforcement and the Subcommittee will continue to record trainings to update data. Beth Bailey and Lata Menon will provide Bradley with a list of all trainings that have occurred with counties represented by the end of the year.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1**: 100%, Misty Atkins will gather and share quarterly reports for the Handle With Care. Angel Training has been updated. Data is being assessed for the Embedded Peer Program.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2**: 50%, Subcommittee data can be shared on the CIT website and other outlets for dissemination were discussed but they have not happened yet.

State Plan 2026
- Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the final version of the 2026 State Plan. A copy is included below.
- Lata Menon suggested that "911" be included in Goal 3 in the list of partnerships. It was added to the master copy of the 2026 State Plan.

Additional Discussion:
- None.

Adjournment:

Chief Schwertfeger closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, January 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Law Enforcement

In response to the continued substance use disorder crisis, the Law Enforcement Subcommittee plays a crucial role in West Virginia's holistic approach. With law enforcement resources strained and prison populations not in decline, the Subcommittee focuses on pivotal strategies, including expanding the continued monitoring of the crisis, the tactic of diversion as a tool, and enhancing multi-faceted training opportunities to enable a complete officer with the tools regarding recognition and de-escalation with a focus on helping others through community partnerships.

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 Crisis Intervention Team (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.

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 and document the number of officers trained.

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: Continue to provide education and training to 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, emergency management services (EMS), and emergency department (ED) staff trained and the number for each type of training.

Goal 4: Strengthen use and understanding of the evidence base/implementation for Handle with Care and diversion programs, including Police and Peers, Embedded Peers Programs, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion.

Strategy 1: Establish effective processes that enable collection, analysis, and dissemination of data reflecting Handle with Care training and training on 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 training activities for Angel, Handle With Care, and other diversion programs.

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

Strategy 2: Collaborate with Courts & Justice Involved Populations (Courts) Subcommittee on strengthening and expansion of diversion programs in the state.

KPI 1: By April 30, 2026, collaborate with Courts to identify operational diversion programs that exist in West Virginia as defined by statute or function, including quarterly meetings, interviews, establishing metrics, etc. as defined in Courts KPIs 1 through 5.