

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday, December 18, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Danny Anderson Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), EJ Jenkins, Jo Anne McNemar, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair)

Invited Subcommittee Members, Not Attending: Amy Sadler, Tiffany Pittman

Guests Attending: Garrett Keefer, Maci Lunsford, Jessica Whitmore

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Rick Dempsey, Olivia Fox

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Rebecca Crowder provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 18, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Co-chairs Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan approved the November 25, 2025, 2025 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2025 key performance indicator (KPI) progress.

Agenda Items:

2025 KPI Completion and Quarter 4 Progress Report

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 100%, The Subcommittee met with the Prevention Subcommittee and there are members represented on both for cross-collaboration. The last meeting attended occurred on December 4, 2025, with all Subcommittee chairs to complete KPI 1.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 100%, Data focused on West Virginia youth population is available at ODCP and is available for internal use to help guide strategic planning, but it is not available for public distribution.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 100%, A list is being completed. A secondary assessment has been completed by Josh Barker with Attorney General's Office. The Subcommittee would like to combine these lists and will forward a copy to Bradley McCoy.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 100%, The Subcommittee has researched and documented youth services available and identified the existing gaps. The Subcommittee will meet with Jenny Lancaster to obtain the Bureau and Behavior Health's finalized booklet of resources to cross-examine.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 4:** 100%, The Subcommittee has met with the Public Education and Courts Subcommittees as needed.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 5:** 100%, A document is completed which defines the current youth substance use disorder ecosystem as well as available treatment and recovery services.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 6:** 50%, The formalized written report composed of recommendations and youth available treatment services is scheduled for completion in Quarter 1 of 2026.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 7:** 50%, Recommendations have been discussed between the chairs, Dr. Stephen Loyd and Rick Dempsey at ODCP, and Josh Barker at the Attorney General's Office. A formal report will be presented to the Governor's Council in 2026.

Additional Discussion

- Rick Dempsey is adding a KPI about investigating and listing the out-of-state facilities that West Virginia sends its youth to. There are multiple contacts in West Virginia that can be reached out to for this data, such as Josh Barker and Amy Sadler among others.
- Private pay individuals can only receive 72 hours of involuntary treatment if they are accepted out of state because the youth are not in the state's care and are not in the judicial system. Monongalia County has an extensive outpatient service; however, these youth are already in the judicial system and not seeking treatment of their own accord.

Adjournment:

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on January 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM.