

# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, December 2, 2025, Approved

## Attendees:

**Workgroup Members Attending:** Emily Birckhead, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Joey McComas, Jay Phillips, Kristen Tiedeman

**Workgroup Members Not Attending:** Matt Johnson, David Sanders, Krista White

**Guests Attending:** Heidi Cork, Jessica Whitmore

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

**State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending:** Mark Lanyon

**Marshall University Staff Attending:** Bradley McCoy

## Opening:

Bob Hansen (chair) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee - Housing Workgroup. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Bob Hansen approved the November 4, 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2025 key performance indicator (KPI) progress and the 2026 State Plan.

## Agenda Items:

### Finalize 2025 Quarter 4 Progress Report and Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Updates

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 30%, The Workgroup is still awaiting information about the grantee awarded for the West Virginia First Foundation's needs assessment.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 20%, remains the same with no updates.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 0%, both KPI 2 and KPI 3 hinged upon the completion of KPI 1.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPIs 4 and 5:** Danny Hale will send Bradley updated numbers for the Quarter 4 Progress Report by email.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 100%, The conference occurred on September 9, 2025.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 100%, Autumn McGraw offers twice monthly technical assistance meetings.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** 100%, Autumn's technical assistance open meetings and the availability of the Fletcher Group have met the needs of this KPI.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 4:** 50%, These meetings have been occurring but there has not been an official reported number of meetings or attendees.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 1:** 100%, This has been completed with the implementation of Behave Health.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 2:** 50%, Emily Birckhead has conducted meetings with stakeholders and can provide the PowerPoint presentation given to them and data collected from these meetings.

- **Goal 1, Strategy 3, KPI 3:** 0%, There were no updates.

#### **2026 State Plan**

- Bob Hansen reviewed the 2026 State Plan. A final version of the Plan is included below.

#### **December 4, 2025 Subcommittee Chair Meeting**

- There will be an in-person meeting of Subcommittee Chairs on December 4, 2025 in Charleston, West Virginia where they will present their sections of the 2026 State Plan to the Office of Drug Control Policy and one another.

#### **2026 Meeting Schedule**

- The Workgroup would like to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00; however, they would like to transition to meeting bimonthly like the Transportation and Employment Workgroup. The first meeting will be on February 3, 2025.

#### **Additional Discussion**

- None.

#### **Adjournment:**

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

### **2026 State Plan**

#### **Goal 1: Advocate for increasing the capacity of recovery housing in West Virginia.**

Strategy 1: Advocate for long-term funding to help strengthen and grow all levels and types of recovery housing in West Virginia where it is needed.

KPI 1: By December 31, 2026, determine the capacity needs for all types of recovery housing in West Virginia.

KPI 2: By March 31, 2026, collaborate with the West Virginia First Foundation, the Office of Drug Control Policy, and Bureau for Behavioral Health to identify funding needed in FY 2026 for the development of new recovery housing residences to meet capacity needs in West Virginia as identified in KPI 1.

KPI 3: By June 30, 2026, submit recommended strategies to the Governor's Council on sustainably funding certified recovery residences that meet capacity needs in WV.

#### **Goal 2: Strengthen workforce development and support for recovery residence operators and staff.**

Strategy 1: Facilitate ongoing training and technical assistance to support current and future recovery residence operators and staff.

KPI 1: By September 30, 2026, conduct the fourth annual conference for recovery residence operators and staff, in collaboration with the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences, the Office of Drug Control Policy, and Bureau for Behavioral Health.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2026, implement monthly promotion of the availability of technical assistance and resources (i.e., toolkits) for recovery residence operators and staff through multiple partners and outlets, including social media.

KPI 3: By July 1, 2026, partner with the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences and the Fletcher Group to assure development, implementation, and evaluation of a coaching/mentoring process for new and existing recovery residence operators and staff.

KPI 4: Through December 31, 2026, report quarterly the number of current and future residence operators and staff that coaching/mentoring and/or technical assistance.

**Goal 3: Strengthen statewide utilization of, and support for, recovery residences for individuals with substance use disorder.**

Strategy 1: Facilitate the development of, and improvement in, the utilization of recovery residences in a strong viable continuum of support for people in recovery.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2026, increase number of providers using Behave Health for data collection.

KPI 2: By July 1, 2026, conduct outreach and data collection among residential treatment providers and payers (i.e., managed care organizations), to identify barriers, perceptions, and opportunities to strengthen linkages with recovery residences.

KPI 3: By October 1, 2026, develop a written report that summarizes the data collected and provides recommendations for strengthening linkages with recovery residence and other continuum partners based on the findings.