

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Misty Atkins, Adam Crawford, Lata Menon, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Errol Randle

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Beth Bailey, Julie Lockhart, Jason Milton, Brad Story, Kevin Williams

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Olivia Fox, Dr. Stephen Loyd, Justin Smith
State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Gwyn McGee

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Barbie Masih, 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, January 13, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the December 9, 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss implementation of the 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Overview

- The 2026 State Plan is under review by the Governor's office, but the Subcommittee can work from the most current version of the Plan.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1 and 2:** Ten training events should be recorded for Crisis Intervention Training, Emotional Intelligence Training, Mental Health First Aid, and Handle with Care. The Subcommittee believes this can be carried out within the first quarter. These training courses should be tracked county by county for subsequent virtual and in-person trainings. These can be done in congruence with KPI 1 and will also be accomplished within the first quarter.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee can continue the notification of state and local law enforcement agencies about the current overdose rates. This can assist in making drug routes identifiable through the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee will continue to track and report spike alerts monthly.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** The data collected from the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program platform can be conjoined with school locations. The spike alert notifications will be sent to notify law enforcement about activity in a county, and officers can prioritize that county. A Training of Trainers (ToT) event was recently held for the emotional intelligence training. The ODMAP training will be included in this in the future which will further exposure to it.

- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1 and KPI 2:** The Subcommittee will broaden training to include first responders, corrections, emergency management services (EMS), and emergency departments (ED) to further document reach. To date, this is currently happening with the Wheeling Police Department in conjunction with West Virginia University Medicine. Emergency Departments at both Wheeling and Reynolds hospital are being trained. Five Emergency Departments supervisors have completed CIT Training. The Department of Corrections located in the Northern Panhandle has also planned for their correctional officers to gain CIT training.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Quarterly reports will be created to assist in documenting training activities for Angel, Handle With Care, and other diversion programs.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KP2:** Chief Shawn Schwertfeger will reach out to Stephanie Thornton about mapping existing diversion/deflection programs such as Police and Peers, the Embedded Peer Program, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), and other programs that may consider themselves this such as drug court and family treatment court, which will require the expertise of the Courts and Justice-Involved Populations Subcommittee.

Additional Discussion:

- The Subcommittee discussed inviting new members. A family treatment court representative would be beneficial and various contacts were discussed. Bradley McCoy reminded the Subcommittee that they can send him new members' contact information to include them in calendar invitations in the future.
- Ken Murray with the West Virginia State Police is taking over the Angel Initiative.

Adjournment:

Chief Schwertfeger closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM.