

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday, January 22, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Jo Anne McNemar, Amy Sadler, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), Tiffany Pittman

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Danny Anderson, EJ Jenkins

Guests Attending: Elizabeth Hardy

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Gwyn McGee

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Barbra Masih, Jill Poe

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, January 22, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Co-chairs Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan approved the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2026 State Plan key performance indicator (KPI) implementation.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Overview and Quarter 1 Prioritization

- Rebecca Crowder and Bradley McCoy provided an overview of the 2026 State Plan and any additions made by ODCP during their editing process. The Plan is still under approval by the Governor's Council and the Governor's Office but for purposes of the January meeting, the Subcommittee can operate from the most current version of the 2026 State Plan.
- **Goal 1:** The list of facilities providing youth services is completed, but more work will be done focusing on how they are specifically serving youth. Most facilities that provide treatment require youth to be justice-impacted first and may not advertise themselves as such. The Subcommittee still needs to maintain active contact with facilities about the models they are using.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Due by March 31, 2026, Tahnee Bryant will connect with Cassandra Toliver to get information about the Early Diversion Grant Sequential Intercept Mapping project.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Due by June 30, 2026, focus groups need to be discussed now to finish them by June. Elizabeth Shahan has access to parents who have sought services for their youth. The Subcommittee discussed various formats, including the round tables Jenny Lancaster had done for the Governor's Task Force previously or Prevention Lead Organizations (PLOs) doing focus groups in their own communities.

- Elizabeth Shahan is reaching out to Josh Barker with the Attorney General’s office to ask if his report on youth treatment is publicly available and if so, will invite him to the February meeting to discuss the report.
- Elizabeth Shahan will also connect with Family Resource Networks (FRNs) to ask for existing feedback survey data.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 6:** The Subcommittee will utilize Amy Sadler’s knowledge of out-of-state facilities the state refers youth to. The list of facilities changes daily though and is more of a living document as they vet facilities. West Virginia has a set of standards of where they send youth to out-of-state, so relationships are formed and change in an ongoing manner. They also utilize peer-to-peer relationships to find specific best matches for each youth, so there may only be one youth sent to a facility and not a withstanding referral relationship. The Subcommittee will do its best to identify a list of places youth were referred to in the last six to 12 months. Amy will compile information from her colleagues and contacts at Aetna and various shelters.
 - Tahnee Bryant sent the following link to the Department Human Services’ Child Welfare Data Dashboard. Laura Hunter and Asia Gray were identified as contacts to inquiry about this further.
 - <https://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/childwelfareadatadashboard.aspx>
- **Goal 2:** Elizabeth Shahan is waiting for an additional list of programs from the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) and then they will partner with ODCP to develop a public-facing document with graphics. The Subcommittee would like to develop a guide that goes beyond just a list that explains the differences in seeking treatment for adults and youth.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Due March 31, 2026, Rebecca Crowder will collaborate with her contacts who have previously researched community centers for a starting point. Rebecca will compile information ahead of the February meeting to disseminate and discuss so that a document can be created before the March deadline.

Subcommittee Membership

- Bradley McCoy reminded the Subcommittee that if they have suggestions for new members to send him their contact information to include them on future calendar invitations.

Additional Discussion

- None.

Adjournment:

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on February 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM.