

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday, February 19, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Tammy Collins, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Greg Puckett, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Christina Chill, Gig Robinson

Guests Attending: Josh Barker, Jaime Cantley

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Jessica Smith

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Renee Harris

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Tyler Kerns, Barbra Masih, Raj Masih, Jill Poe, Jamie Styons

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Stephanie Hayes provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Prevention Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 19, 2026 and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Stephanie Hayes and Amy Saunders approved the January 15, 2026 meeting minutes and there was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2026 State Plan key performance indicator (KPI) implementation.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Overview

- Subcommittee discussed 2026 State Plan implementation. Goal leaders were chosen to be responsible for the work and report outs.
 - Goal 1: Elizabeth Shahan and Barbie Masih, with help from Jenny Lancaster
 - Goal 2: Katelyn Fowler with help from Community Connections, Prevention Solutions, Jaime Cantley, and Jenny Lancaster
 - Goal 3: Amy Saunders and Stephanie Hayes leading a work group with the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH), West Virginia University, West Virginia Department of Education, and the Foundation for Rape Information Services (WVFRIS).
 - Goal 4: Lori Garrett-Bumba leading with help from Elizabeth Shahan and Jaime Cantley
 - Goal 5: Katelyn Fowler leading with help from Raj Masih
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Prevention Subcommittee will synthesize the county, regional, and statewide data for reporting. This includes the Community Readiness Assessments, PRIDE, The American College Health Assessment, School Prevention Survey, Catch my Breath, and other data-driven dashboards. Help and Hope have compiled county snapshots and shared the link with the Subcommittee. Elizabeth Shahan has begun compiling Community Readiness Assessments from each region. She will design a county-specific template for presentation.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:**

- The Subcommittee is working with the West Virginia Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) to share data at the Share the Vision conference.
- Surveys have been distributed to K-12 schools. These surveys focus on three domains: 1) Substance Use 2) Suicide Intervention Prevention 3) Body Safety/Sexual Violence Prevention. The Subcommittee had 1200 responses to their K-12 surveys and received responses from every county. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has expanded to West Virginia's southern region with a focus on suicide ideology. A representative will be invited to this Subcommittee.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** ODCP has overdose data available. For those under 18 years of age, Raj Masih will be able to discuss them by region, but not by county.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:**
 - The Youth Survey/Youth Focus Group data is completed and will be analyzed for comparison. AETNA is prioritizing foster care contact and engagement data. There is a need for asset mapping within the next six months. The youth coalitions are not connected to adult coalitions.
 - The Try This Youth Summit is scheduled for the first week of June.
 - The American College Health Association (ACHA) and the National College Health Assessment (NCHA) is not currently funded. This presents an unrecognized data group within the college-aged population. Marshall University could assist providing data. However, this eliminates the comparison to nationally collected data.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** The review and enhancement of Youth Advocacy Training is completed and can be introduced to youth leadership groups. There is also training available for adults who work with young people. West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council does have a leadership academy working with youths who could benefit from the pathway toolkit availability.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1 & 2:** Amy Saunders and Stephanie Hayes already have a workgroup that will be meeting about this monthly since they led this project in the 2025 State Plan. The Subcommittee invited all members to be involved in evidence-based training guidance packages and would also like to invite a NAMI member. The evidence-based guidance should also be shared with West Virginia Behavioral Health to included into their clearinghouse.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Lori Garrett-Bumba will lead this goal in assisting entry-level Prevention Associate Certification with the West Virginia Certification for Addiction and Prevention Professionals to document the education criteria and training needed for these certifications. West Virginia is forming this pipeline to help train professionals for future endeavors. An on-boarding toolkit has already been developed.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee is collecting data for prescribing and disseminating training for pharmacists. Raj Masih and Katelyn Fowler will lead a sub-group for training development. The Subcommittee recommended future communication with pharmacy boards.

Additional Discussion

- The Share The Vision conference is scheduled for April 14-16, 2026, in Huntington, West Virginia. The keynote speakers have been selected, and workshops are currently being developed. More information can be found at <https://site.phedloop.com/event/2026SharetheVision/home>
- The following link to the WVU Young Innovators program was shared <https://extension.wvu.edu/youth-family/young-innovators>

Adjournment:

Stephanie closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM.