

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Misty Atkins, Beth Bailey, Lata Menon, Jason Milton, Kenneth Murray, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Kevin Williams

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Adam Crawford, Julie Lockhart, Errol Randle, Brad Story

Guests Attending: Stephanie Frazer

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Tyler Kerns, 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, February 10, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the January 13, 2026 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss implementation of key performance indicators (KPIs) of the 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Overview

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) is scheduled February 23-27, 2026, at the Wheeling Police Department. Another CIT training is scheduled for the same week at the Buckhannon Police Department. A deescalation training is being held this week in Nicholas County.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Trainings will be recorded for law enforcement attendance by the Professional Development Center.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Law Enforcement Subcommittee will continue to notify local and state law enforcement agencies regarding the overdose mapping application program. These should alert local agencies to overdose events and identify current possible drug routes. Presentations have been held with the Board of Education (BOE) in Charleston. The BOE is wanting to utilize the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program within the school system.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Office of Drug Control Policy's website has been updated with a real time spike alert dashboard.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** A 911 CIT Training is scheduled for March and will be done by First Choice Services. The Angel Initiative Training will begin in March targeting every

State Police trooper. The West Virginia State Police's professional development team should be able to track the number of troopers trained. By June, Lt. Ken Murray would like to have secured funding to market the Angel Initiative. Additionally, he has streamlined their data tracking and referral packet to a one-pager.

- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** An Emergency Department CIT training is being scheduled for Wheeling Hospital and Reynolds Hospital through WVU Medicine.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Misty Atkins informed the group that registration is open for April 15-17, 2026 Handle With Care conference. Speakers are being contacted. The conference usually has 300-500 people in attendance. The CIT trainings also have a Handle with Care portion.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** In March, the Subcommittee will reach out to Stephanie Thornton and the Courts and Justice Involved Population Subcommittee regarding diversion programs.

Additional Discussion:

- Kenneth Murray will attend a Pennsylvania State Police Train the Trainer event for their "Keystone Model for Crisis Intervention." The training is an 8-hour CIT course and could be beneficial to smaller rural communities. There is a potential for collaboration and partnership between Pennsylvania and West Virginia.
- There is a program offering iPads (tablets) to officers to link people to services immediately during a crisis response. The program originated in Oklahoma City. Members of the Subcommittee are seeking funding to utilize the program here.

Adjournment:

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