

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Emily Birckhead, Matt Johnson, Bob Hansen (chair), Joey McComas, Jay Phillips, Kristen Tiedeman

Workgroup Members Not Attending: Danny Hale, David Sanders, Krista White

Guests Attending: Courtney Boyd, Jessica Whitmore

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon

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

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, February 3, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Bob Hansen approved the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) implementation of the 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan

- The 2026 State Plan is still under review by the Governor's Office for final approval.
- The Office of Drug Control Policy added two KPIs (KPI 4 and KPI 5) to Goal 1 and the goal with strategy and KPIs is included below in full. Bob Hansen is reaching out to Rick Dempsey to clarify them. Additionally, ODCP changed the due date for Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1 from December 31, 2026 to March 31, 2026.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Due March 31, 2026, Kristen Tiedeman and Emily Birckhead are still awaiting information about the West Virginia First Foundation's needs assessment. The Workgroup would like to meet with the First Foundation and the funding recipient for the needs assessment before they take on work that will be duplicated.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Due March 31, 2026, Bob Hansen is going to reach out to Jonathan Board with the West Virginia First Foundation for a meeting. This will cover areas for both KPIs: the needs assessment and capacity as well as sustained funding.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Due June 30, 2026, Emily Birckhead has looked into Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding. Bob Hansen, Joey McComas, and Jay Phillips have discussed funding recommendations but just need to finalize it in a document to present to the Governor's Council.

- **Goal 2:** This focused on training and development that will be provided throughout the year. It will be collected quarterly by the Workgroup for Bradley McCoy to include in quarterly reports.
- **Goal 3:** This goal will be addressed at later meetings, primarily in Quarter 2.

Additional Discussion

- The Workgroup will continue with the bimonthly meeting series but wanted to schedule an additional meeting in March for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

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 March 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.
- KPI 4: By December 31, 2026, for survey recovery residences that provide abstinence based only and MAT based recovery housing, determine if there are barriers to offering either option and develop a guide to reduce stigma on recovery residences providing MAT or Abstinence based only recovery housing.
- KPI 5: By December 31, 2026 survey recovery residences that provide male or female only recovery housing beds to determine if there are barriers to offering either option and to develop a guide to reduce stigma on recovery beds in recovery housing.