

# Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday, March 26, 2026, Approved

## Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), EJ Jenkins, Jo Stephen Keefer, Anne McNemar, Tiffany Pittman, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), Tristram Spitsnaugle

**Subcommittee Members Not Attending:** Misty Atkins, Danny Anderson, Amy Sadler,

**Guests Attending:** Rachel Goff

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

**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, March 26, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Co-chairs Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan approved the February 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2026 State Plan key performance indicator (KPI) completion.

## Agenda Items:

### 2026 State Plan Overview and Quarter 1 Progress Report

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Elizabeth Shahan has connected with the Department of Human Services (DoHS)/Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) for Early Diversion Grant Sequential Intercept Mapping. She made a request for the last report which took place four years ago. This KPI is at 50% completion.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee has assembled potential focus group members consisting of 15 people from different agencies and organizations and it does include youth mental health providers. The chairs will develop a draft of questions for Deb Koester's review. The KPI is at 25% completion.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** The inpatient treatment options for youth who are not connected to the judicial system or already in the state's custody are being compiled and accessed for both in-state, West Virginia, and out-of-state for availabilities. Highland Clarksburg Hospital is offering services without dual diagnosis. The Subcommittee is documenting both acute or behavioral diagnoses with inpatient care or group home settings. This KPI is at 25% completion.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 4:** There has been research contributed to finding substance use disorder (SUD) model programs/systems in West Virginia using evidence-based treatment modalities. Youth SUD treatment has shown the best model of care is to keep children/youth in their community and their homes. This could mean better support for family and outpatient community services. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

based in communities could also expand the modalities which are available to youth services. This KPI is at 25% completion.

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 6:** The Subcommittee has started to research the out-of-state residential facilities. This KPI is at 10% completion.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee has compiled a list of resources and is currently cross-referencing resources available. This KPI is at 75% complete.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee has researched operational community centers. These centers provide both community support to the youth populations and to their families. These centers can also be safe spaces and provide referrals. This KPI is 80% completion.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This KPI is dependent on the dissemination of documents in the previous KPI. This KPI is at 0% completion.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** The Executive Director for the Inter-Regional Governmental Council for Region 3 Planning and Development is disseminating a survey to the community centers in each region. The survey allows organizations to identify their barriers and resources offered in their geographical region. This KPI is at 40% completion.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee will contact the existing resources and support organizations with next steps to gain more connection and intervention. This KPI is at 0% completion.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** One guest speaker has been identified to showcase the sustainability and many resources which are available at community centers. The community center model has already proven to be a vital resource showing legacy and generational support. This model can be sustainable and operate as necessary bridge to families by providing references and resources. This KPI is at 0% completion.

#### **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 April 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM.