

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Kenny Jordan, Raj Masih, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Liz Neal

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Brandy Blatt, Ardella Cottrill, Elly Donahue, Trenton Clem, Joe Deegan, Coty Long, Phil Shimer, John Smith

Guests Attending: Bob Hansen

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Dan McCawley (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Recovery Community Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Dan McCawley approved the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to invite Bob Hansen as a guest speaker and discuss general key performance indicator (KPI) updates.

Agenda Items:

Guest Speaker – Bob Hansen (Housing Workgroup Chair)

- Bob Hansen joined the meeting to discuss usage of Behave Health to track recovery resident bed availability.
- There is concern that Behave Health is not tracking the outcome data that was originally desired when they partnered with the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR).
- WVARR is seeking other data collection options and meeting with the state to discuss funding for this.
- Bob Hansen provided general updates from the Housing Workgroup's 2026 State Plan implementation.
- The Peer Recovery Conference typically held in September will be an opportunity for the Housing Workgroup and the Recovery Subcommittee to collaborate on sessions and tracks.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Updates

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Deb Koester has reviewed the survey and sent it back to Amber with edits and questions. This will be finalized soon, and Kenny Jordan will help with the dissemination of the survey.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Bob Hansen attended this Subcommittee meeting.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee is waiting for the Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) to review the Informed Consent documents based on legislative updates and then Liz Neal will be able to complete their training materials.

Additional Discussion

- A Family Resource Network (FRN) in the eastern panhandle has West Virginia First Foundation funding to work with West Virginia University to survey the West Virginia Behavioral Health Providers Association (WVBHPA) to learn the recovery employment needs in the workforce. This information will be helpful for this Subcommittee once publicly available.

- Kenny Jordan provided updates about the multiple training series he is hosting for peers. Members can reach out to him for more information about participating.

Adjournment

Dan closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The full Subcommittee will meet again on May 6, 2026, at 1:00 PM.