

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, April 7, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

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

Workgroup Members Not Attending: Danny Hale, Autumn McGraw, Jay Phillips, David Sanders, Krista White

Guests Attending: Courtney Boyd, Jessica Whitmore

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

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, April 7, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Bob Hansen approved the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) implementation of the 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Workgroup has reached out to the First Foundation to determine recovery housing needs in West Virginia. This Friday, April 10, the First Foundation expert panel does have a meeting with WVU. Emily Birckhead is meeting with the panel as well as WVU and will communicate to the group about their work and a future virtual meeting.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This KPI is focused on funding and will be discussed after the upcoming meeting which is scheduled for this week. Recovery housing is being earmarked for additional federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** There is a recommendation document which is already created and finished. The Workgroup will revisit the document for updates and can forward it to the Governor's Council.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Fletcher Group has previously provided the landscape for funding and implementation as well as evaluations. The Workgroup would like to focus on sustainability. There is a need for an analysis on operator sustainability as a secondary impact.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Fourth Annual Conference for recovery residence operations and staff does not have any current updates. The Subcommittee will seek clarification regarding the upcoming conference.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Autumn McGraw from the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) has provided monthly meetings with recovery residences operators and staff through multiple channels.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 4:** Autumn McGraw provided Bradley McCoy with updates on the number of trainings and attendees to include in the Quarter 1 Progress Report.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1-3:** These KPIs have been deferred until later in Quarter 2 as they are dependent on the database being used by WVARR.

Additional Discussion

- A list of certified recovery residences can be found on the Office of Inspector General's website under the Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) and their Registered Facility List.
- The HEAL (Healthcare Enablement and Access Link) bed list is limited to a dozen agencies and is still ongoing. It is available on the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) website. Also, the ODCP snapshots have been updated to the 2025 data.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 1:00 PM.