

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Beth Bailey, Adam Crawford, Lata Menon, Jason Milton, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair)

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Misty Atkins, Julie Lockhart, Kenneth Murray, Errol Randle, Brad Story, Kevin Williams

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Dr. Stephen Loyd

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Tyler Kerns, Lauren Kotz, 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, May 12, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the March 31, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss progress of key performance indicators (KPIs) of the 2026 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee reported recent trainings over the last two months. These training courses included: the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in Huntington and Jackson County, the Share the Vision Conference in Huntington, and the Handle with Care Conference. There is another conference which was held this month in Princeton and Southern Highlands hosted a training course. The Subcommittee will provide updated statistics for Emotional Intelligence Training and Mental Health First Aid Training.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Lata Menon will provide updated law enforcement numbers for the KPI 1 trainings.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Wheeling has reported multiple overdose spike alerts with an originating source based in Columbus, Ohio/Franklin County. Alerts are assisting in tracking overdoses in the region.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The spike alert numbers are available on the Office of Drug Control Policy website, and monthly updated numbers can be provided by Justin Smith. Jill Poe is working with the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) to rectify an issue with Monongalia County spike alerts being falsely inflated with "alcohol overdoses." If these show up in an alert from the ODMAP, the State Opioid Response Regional Coordinators investigate what kind of overdose it actually is and how to address it.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** Lata Menon is identifying regional and county law enforcement organizations who need training on how to use the data received from the ODMAP. Justin Smith will be notified to assist law enforcement agencies.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Lt. Murray has submitted the Angel Initiative trainings list. Lata Menon is providing the list of dates, locations, and number of people trained for Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) trainings.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Lata Menon will obtain the number of the law enforcement and first responders trained by county.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Lt. Murray and Misty Atkins will provide the written summaries on training activities for Angel, Handle with Care, and other diversion designed programs.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee will review training needs to share with ODCP and the Governor’s Council.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee is in communication with Stephanie Thornton to discuss the “Embedded Peer Program” and the “Police and Peers Program.”

Additional Discussion:

- Dr. Stephen Loyd spoke about the funding needs of peer programs and synergizing with the West Virginia First Foundation. These programs and trainings have shown effective outcomes in decreasing substance use and crime but are also scalable to other communities and even other states.

Adjournment:

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