

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday, May 21, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Katelyn Fowler, Greg Puckett, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Sarah Sanders, Elizabeth Shahan

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Jaime Cantley, Tammy Collins, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Nancy Hoffman, Jenny Lancaster, Gig Robinson

Guests Attending: Kasey Forsell

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Gwyn McGee

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

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amy Saunders provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Prevention Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 21, 2026 and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Amy Saunders approved the April 24, 2026 meeting minutes and there was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to go over key performance indicator (KPI) progress.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Progress

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Elizabeth Shahan will convene a group including herself, Jenny Lancaster, and Barbra Masih soon. They have another meeting in June as well. They need the school prevention data, Catch My Breath data, and Marshall University youth focus group data. The Subcommittee will provide all of these.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee has shared high-level K-12 data at the Share The Vision conference, shared the dashboard at the Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) statewide meeting, and other various online settings.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Raj Masih was a guest speaker at last month's meeting, and they are continuing to collect overdose data.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The youth engagement asset map survey was approved and disseminated. There are currently 82 responses, and the Subcommittee hopes to achieve 100 responses. The survey was reshared amongst Subcommittee members.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This will require first teaching organizations what a "youth-led" prevention group is. Targeted technical assistance will follow.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** Lori Garrett-Bumba has the Youth Advocacy Training ready to go after she removes the dated information. It will then be ready to be presented and shared on Help and Hope's website. Additionally, Try This West Virginia has a related advocacy training, but it is training youth to speak up about their health needs to parents and providers.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** There are no updates here, but will occur after the Youth Advocacy Training is presented.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 3, KPI 1:** No updates to establishing a new youth group coalition in each region.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 1:** This KPI was considered complete in Quarter 1 base on people from school-based programs being contacted and invited to the Subcommittee meetings.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 2:** Tiffany Pittman’s Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH) training on YouTube would apply to providing guidance on evidence-based school prevention programs.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The policy review is complete.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Programs have been chosen based on the topics from the survey.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Prevention best practices is complete, but the Subcommittee still needs to create the guidance documents.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 4:** This is pending the completion of the guidance documents.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 5:** This is pending the completion of the guidance documents.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Lori Garrett-Bumba has developed a first draft of the Prevention Associate Certification requirements document.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** No updates, pending the document in KPI 1.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** No updates, pending the document in KPI 1.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** No updates, pending Strategy 1.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** No updates, pending Strategy 1.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has approved the prescriber survey and it will launch next week.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** No updates.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** No updates, this is pending Strategy 1.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** No updates, this is pending Strategy 1.

Additional Discussion

- Sarah Sanders will share data from her presentation last month when it is completed and publicly available.
- Braxton County has a youth coalition that is now meeting regularly. They surveyed freshman high school students and Elizabeth Shahan shared some key takeaways such as how students notice a lack of county pride and their disappointment in the clear disconnect between teaching/school needs and a lack of funding and resources.
- Amy Saunders will meet with Dr. Stephen Loyd to discuss survey results next week.
- The Subcommittee discussed how school administration and leadership turnover can affect the relationship-based connection between schools and prevention organizations.
- Elizabeth Shahan shared links to the following trainings:
 - Prevention Ethics Training, June 22 from 8:00-4:00, in-person at Stonewall Resort
 - <https://wvpreventionsolutions.org/foundations-of-prevention-ethics.html>
 - Beyond the Microphone: Hosting Effective Community Town Halls, May 27 from 1:00-3:00, virtual
 - https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uYbAsqOZSmGRxy0Uj9W6_Q#/registration

Adjournment:

Amy Saunders closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM.