

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, June 2, 2026, Approved**

## **Attendees:**

**Workgroup Members Attending:** Emily Birkhead, Danny Hale, Matt Johnson, Bob Hansen (chair), Joey McComas, Autumn McGraw, Jay Phillips, Kristin Tiedeman

**Workgroup Members Not Attending:** David Sanders, Krista White

**Guests Attending:** Josh Barker, Jessica Whitmore

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

**State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending:** Mark Lanyon

**State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending:** Jill Poe

**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, June 2, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Bob Hansen approved the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) progress of the 2026 State Plan.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **2026 State Plan**

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Bob Hansen participated in a conference call with the West Virginia First Foundation and Rachel Thaxton. Another call will be scheduled with Emily Birkhead and Kristin Tiedeman (The Fletcher Group) and WV Wayfinder, who is responsible for conducting the First Foundation's needs assessment.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Kristin offered to share a one-pager about financial and outcome variables that were already collected in 2024. The Workgroup discussed how to measure waiting lists and capacity in the state because of duplication of data. People are usually on more than one waitlist and sometimes up to five or more. Additionally, this data is skewed by most respondents to their survey being Level 3 facilities where costs are more than Level 1 care facilities. The upcoming assessments should differentiate between levels of care at facilities to produce more accurate average cost data.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Bob Hansen needs to revisit existing recommendation document for updates and send it to Bradley for dissemination to ODCP and the Governor's Council.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Bob Hansen will schedule a meeting with Emily, Kristin, and Justin Smith from ODCP to discuss the implementation and evaluation of the coaching/mentoring process.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The fourth annual conference for recovery residence and staff in collaboration with West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residencies (WVARR), the Office of Drug Control Policy, and Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) is scheduled for September 2026.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3 and KPI 4:** Bradley McCoy will ask Autumn McGraw for training marketing and attendance updates through June to include in the Quarterly Report.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Discussions with recovery residences about strengthening data collection are ongoing as they transition data collection systems.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The written reports summarizing the data and providing recommendations are scheduled to occur in Quarter 3.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Recovery residences are no longer using Behave Health. The language of this KPI is outdated but can be understood to now mean for increased usage of the new system, Recovery Capital Management System (RCMS), by recovery residences. It is more user-friendly and being well-received.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Schedule a call with Rachel Thaxton, Bob Hansen, Emily Birkhead, Kristin Tiedeman, and WV Wayfinder.
- Bob Hansen will revisit his recommendations for the Governor's Council.
- Schedule a meeting with Bob Hansen, Emily Birkhead, Kristin Tiedeman, and Justin Smith to discuss a mentoring process for recovery residences.
- Bradley McCoy will ask Autumn McGraw for training updates.
- Formalize a written report about recovery residence data collection and the transition between systems.

#### **Quarter 2 Report Due Friday June 26, 2026**

- Bob Hansen will work with Bradley McCoy to complete the Quarterly Progress Report.

#### **Town Hall Meeting Planning**

- Four virtual Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for the following times. Bradley McCoy will be reaching out for facilitator volunteers.
  - Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 10:00-12:00
  - Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 1:00-3:00
  - Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 10:00-12:00
  - Thursday, September 3, 2026, 1:00-3:00

#### **Additional Discussion**

- None.

#### **Adjournment:**

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 1:00 PM.