

Meeting Minutes

Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Dr. Thomas Bailey, Dr. Jim Berry, Dr. Jorge Cortina, Candace Facemyer, Ken Fitzwater, Dr. Deb Koester, Anita Mallett, Raj Masih, Dr. Garrett Moran, Josh Titlow

Invited Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Rebecca Alley, Shawna Chapman, Jennifer Fields, Heather Jarrett, Constance Harvey, Emalene Heaton, Keith King, Heidi Life, Amy Proffitt, Victoria Swain, Brienne Taylor, Timothy Watson, Jessica Whitmore, Danielle Woods-Huffman, Lisa Zappia

Guests Attending: Ashli Cottrill

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon

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

Marshall University Staff Attending: Deb Koester, Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Deb Koester provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Deb Koester approved the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) progress for the Quarter 2 report and the interim report for the Quick Response Team (QRT) Survey.

Agenda:

Quick Response Team (QRT) Survey Overview

- Deb Koester provided an overview of the QRT Survey conducted by Marshall University.
- The survey is still open. There are currently 21 responses. 18 counties do not have a QRT. The Subcommittee is awaiting responses from 16 more counties and discussed who from the Subcommittee could assist with outreach to improve the overall response rate and geographic representation of responses.
 - Greg Puckett and Jamie Styons will respond for Summers and Monroe County.
 - Greg Puckett will contact Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier, and Pocahontas county QRTs
 - Josh Titlow will contact the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department
 - Jill Poe will contact Marion and Monongalia county QRTs
 - A new QRT has formed covering Lewis, Gilmer, and Braxton County and Jill Poe will contact them as well.
 - Raj Masih will contact Berkeley and Jefferson county WRTs

- Responses to the survey may need to be further validated for reasons such as the example of a team responding they do not employ a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS), which is doubtful to be true and likely a mistake.
- Deb Koester and Bradley McCoy will update the current draft report based on any additional responses received and share at the July meeting.
- Onboarding/hiring training varied widely so the Subcommittee will consider what the minimum standard training requirements should be and formalize it. Deb Koester mentioned that Marshall Skills Exchange has existing training on social determinants of health (SDoH).
 - Josh Titlow commended Westbrook's focus on ethics training.
 - Raj Masih mentioned that the survey left out stigma training developed by Marshall University and available at StigmaFreeWV.org. Prevention Lead Organizations are trained to provide the stigma training. It may particularly apply to QRTs with employees other than PRSSs such as law enforcement.
- Team composition requirements will likely be one person with a bachelor's degree and one person with a PRSS certification to meet the requirements of the 1115 waiver.
- Only 18/21 QRTs stated that they provide transportation to treatment. The Subcommittee discussed that all QRTs should be providing transportation to treatment or have arrangements with a partner to assure transportation is available, so again, it is a question of validating answers. It is possible they did not consider partnerships with other transportation agencies counting for this question.
- There will be future analysis on the qualitative data for barriers, successes, and innovative strategies as well as reanalyzed quantitative data when the new surveys are submitted.
- The Subcommittee discussed a potential statewide QRT meeting.

2026 State Plan Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Quarter 2 Progress

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 100%, This map was completed in Quarter 1 and continues to be updated.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 100%, The survey has been distributed and initially analyzed.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 50%, The QRT survey analysis is ongoing.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 100%, This was completed in Quarter 1.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 100%, This was completed by Raj Masih's presentation.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** 0%, The Subcommittee is holding on scheduling meetings with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for this Plan year.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 2, KPI 4:** 0%, This will depend on meeting with the MCOs.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 10%, To understand integration of contingency management, a survey will go out to people who can respond based on a systems-level and then a follow-up focus group will be conducted.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 0%, This is dependent upon the completion of KPI 1.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 10%, SOR documents all the mobile services and Ken Fitzwater can get that.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 0%, All behavioral comprehensives do telehealth at varying degrees. It is limited by access to Broadband in rural communities.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 3, KPI 1:** 25%, Although guest speakers have attended, next steps are still needed.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 1:** 10%, Virtual roundtables still need to be scheduled.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 1:** 0%, This KPI is dependent on KPI 1.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 5, KPI 1:** 100%, This was completed in Quarter 1.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 5, KPI 2:** 100%, This was completed in Quarter 1.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 5, KPI 3:** 0%, Recommendations still need to be made.
- Deb Koester will reach out to individual Subcommittee members who have identified themselves as interested in participating in a Research Workgroup.

Town Hall Meeting Overview

- 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:

Deb Koester closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance. The Subcommittee will meet again in July 2026.