

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Prevention Subcommittee Thursday, July 16, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Tahnee Bryant, Lori Garrett-Bumba, Jaime Cantley, Katelyn Fowler, Nancy Hoffman, Greg Puckett, Amy Saunders (co-chair), Elizabeth Shahan

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Tammy Collins, Jenny Lancaster, Stephanie Hayes (co-chair), Sarah Sanders, Gig Robinson

Guests Attending: Josh Barker

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Renee Harris

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Barbie Masih, Raj Masih

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, July 16, 2026 and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Amy Saunders approved the June 18, 2026 meeting minutes and there was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss key performance indicator (KPI) progress.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Progress

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee has community readiness assessment data from all but one region. They still need additional data sources and are reaching out to Tammy Collins for data from Marshall University.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Raj Masih is getting approval to share this data with the Subcommittee.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The final report is just waiting for approval to share it.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Lori Garrett-Bumba's youth advocacy training is on the Help and Hope website. The Youth Empowerment Summit in August at Heritage Farm will address this. The Subcommittee discussed developing another virtual presentation on youth-led prevention and/or the involvement of faith-based organizations.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 3, KPI 1:** No updates.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 1:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 1.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 4, KPI 2:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2.

- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** An internal group of Subcommittee members is meeting in August to create guidance documents for each topic.
- **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:** No updates.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** No updates.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** No updates.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** No updates.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** No updates.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The prescriber survey was launched, but they need more responses. Katelyn has asked Subcommittee members to push the information to their contacts.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This is pending the survey closure.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** This KPI was completed in Quarter 2
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** The Subcommittee discussed some relevant topics for fall advocacy training. Topics for discussion were the Kratom ban in Tennessee, 7-OH on shelves and how to get it banned, The Benadryl Challenge on social media.

Town Hall Meeting Planning

- Four virtual Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for the following times. Registration can be found at the following link: <https://helpandhopewv.org/odcp/>
 - 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

Feedback for Research Needed

- Bradley McCoy asked Subcommittee members to send Deb Koester and him a list of needed areas of research to complete a KPI for the Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee.
- Topics suggested were:
 - The correlation between nicotine receptors and substance use disorder
 - The correlation between ADHD medication use and subsequent substance use disorder

Additional Discussion

- Areas discussed for the 2027 State Plan included:
 - A digital toolkit for faith-based organizations to discuss prevention
 - Mental health first aid training for teens because youth are asking for it to be able to help each other
 - Teaching patient advocacy for their own healthcare, especially for youth
- The Youth Empowerment Summit on August 6, 2026 at Heritage Farm can be found at the following link: <https://wvyouthempowerment.org/>
- The West Virginia Behavioral Health Ethics Conference is on August 4, 2026 and can be found at the following link: <https://events.zoom.us/j/AoVVlu33VX8ojs0krs1fgYUICVUgQuYgqzu7tzhh712JM7GtaSxL~AtGctObzRG0NpKV-OWYJUtSNMvJjcGuMVN8VMz-4BSguqR7adj88DUoVqg>

Adjournment:

Amy Saunders closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM.