

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday, July 1, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Joe Deegan, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Coty Long, Liz Neal

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Brandy Blatt, Ardella Cottrill, Elly Donahue, Trenton Clem, Kenny Jordan, Raj Masih, Phil Shimer, John Smith

Guests Attending: Jessica Whitmore

ODCP Staff Attending: None

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Stephanie Frazer

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Dan McCawley (co-chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Recovery Community Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Dan McCawley approved the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to review key performance indicator (KPI) updates.

Agenda Items:

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Updates

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Peer Workforce Survey has been put into Survey Monkey and is awaiting final administrative approval. The Subcommittee would like for it to be ready to distribute at the West Virginia Association of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVAAPP) Conference July 28-30, 2026 with QR codes. The Office of the Inspector General and Kenny Jordan can also share the survey.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Kenny Jordan has been providing trainings the last two months but was not on the meeting to provide updates. Dan McCawley has taught professionalism and boundaries at various trainings the last two months. Peer Supervision training will occur at the WVAAPP conference.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** No new updates on housing database usage as they transition database systems.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Dan McCawley has spoken with 211 providers. Some First Foundation grants are supporting combining resources. More information is needed.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Amber Blankenship joined the May Youth Subcommittee meeting. She formalized the gaps identified by the Youth Subcommittee in a document. An action plan may still need created.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** The youth gaps were identified by the Youth Subcommittee and formalized, but more will need documented.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Informed Consent document has been updated with the new requirements. It will be submitted to Deb Koester for review and then to administrative approval. Bradley McCoy shared the ODCP PowerPoint template with Amber Blankenship for them to formalize the training module. It will also be sent for administrative approval.

- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This is dependent on the completion and approval of the Informed Consent training module.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** This is dependent on the completion and approval of the Informed Consent training module.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** The Subcommittee have content for the monthly biography for an individual who has sustained success in their recovery. The Subcommittee just needs to collaborate with ODCP on how to advertise this.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** Dan McCawley and Stephanie Thornton met with Lesley Hill from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) to advocate for contact visits for peers with lived experience in recovery and being justice-impacted. Lesley is presenting this to the Assistant Commissioner and her supervisors. This KPI may not be completed in its original capacity this year, but they are keeping it in the State Plan to advocate for changing the restrictions.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** Dr. Stephen Loyd has mentioned collaborating with the Recovery Subcommittee for the standing Recovery kickoff meetings.

Town Hall Meetings

- Four virtual Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for the following times. There is one Recovery breakout facilitator already scheduled for each day, but Bradley McCoy may be reaching out for more facilitator volunteers as registration numbers increase. 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

- Bradley McCoy informed the Subcommittee that the Treatment, Health Systems, and Research Subcommittee is asking each Subcommittee for needed topic areas of research in West Virginia and told them to send him or Deb Koester a list via email as they come up with suggestions.
- Dan McCawley mentioned that East Tennessee State University (ETSU) has a best practices in Appalachian research group that meets regularly. He knows that they have been trying to define terms like Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) and recovery coach so that language is not used interchangeably, which is something this Subcommittee knows to occur in West Virginia.

Additional Discussion

- None.

Adjournment

Dan closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The full Subcommittee will meet again on August 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM.