

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Courtney Boyd, Danny Hale, Matt Johnson, Bob Hansen (chair), Joey McComas, Jay Phillips, Josh Sapp, Kristin Tiedeman

Workgroup Members Not Attending: Emily Birkhead, Autumn McGraw, David Sanders, Krista White

Guests Attending:

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

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon

State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Christina Adkins

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, August 11, 2026, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Bob Hansen approved the June 2, 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:** Workgroup members met with the West Virginia First Foundation and the West Virginia University Health Affairs Office that is responsible for the needs assessment process for the whole state. They are planning to start with hosting listening sessions.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2 and 3:** The Workgroup would like to collaborate with the Fletcher Group and offer a two-pager to the West Virginia First Foundation with a proposed dollar amount for work they can do to enhance the work done by WVU to understand capacity needs.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** While Bob Hansen would still like to meet with Emily Birkhead, Kristin Tiedeman, and Justin Smith to evaluate the coaching process, Autumn McGraw with the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) has been fulfilling the duties of coaching residences through the certification process. She hosts four meetings a month with specific topics and goals. Danny Hale provides daily technical assistance to them as well.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** The peer conference is not happening this year but WVARR is having a recovery residence operator meeting.

- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3 and KPI 4:** Autumn McGraw has consistently been holding these meetings and will submit the number of trainings and attendees for the quarterly report in September.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Josh Sapp has quarterly report analytics for some of the barriers. Autumn discusses barriers and perceptions in her monthly meetings. The WVARR operator meeting in the fall will address this as well.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** A written report summarizing the data and providing recommendations is being created now.
- **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. Emily Birkhead was not present to provide further updates.

Town Hall Meeting Planning

- Four virtual Town Hall Meetings are scheduled and facilitators have volunteered for all of the breakout sessions.

Additional Discussion

- Dr. Stephen Loyd discussed updates from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding and the Great American Recovery Initiative. Dr. Loyd discussed using discretionary funds for respite housing. West Virginia had applied for grant funding and were supposed to get back initial scores on August 11, 2026; however, there is an injunction on the funds pending a federal court case.
- Bob Hansen and Bradley McCoy discussed the dissemination of a survey on usage of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) questionnaire to recovery residences. They will coordinate this by email.

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 1:00 PM.