

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Recovery Community Subcommittee Wednesday, September 2, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Amber Blankenship (co-chair), Joe Deegan, Kenny Jordan, Dan McCawley (co-chair), Coty Long, Raj Masih, Sara Smith

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Brandy Blatt, Trenton Clem, Ardella Cottrill, Elly Donahue, Liz Neal, Phil Shimer, John Smith

ODCP Staff Attending: None

State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Stephanie Frazer

Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Amber Blankenship (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, September 2, 2026, and was conducted by Microsoft Teams conference. Amber Blankenship and Dan McCawley approved the August 5, 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:** 50% complete, There are still only 34 responses to the survey. Dan McCawley and Amber Blankenship will disseminate it on their social media. They are also sending it to Kenny Jordan for dissemination. They will reach out to Jaime Cantley from the West Virginia Certification Board to send to their listserv.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 75% complete, Dan is presenting at multiple fall conferences.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 0% complete, No new updates on housing database usage as they transition database systems.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 25% complete, No updates.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 80% complete, The Recovery Subcommittee is awaiting information from the Youth Subcommittee.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 50% complete, The Subcommittee will look at barriers addressed in the Town Hall Meeting Summary Report. Dr. Loyd and Josh Barker are also hosting reentry round tables around the state and will share the information they collect.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 75% complete, Amber Blankenship is developing the PowerPoint and will send Deb Koester the newest version of the Informed Consent document.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 10% complete, This is dependent on the completion and approval of the Informed Consent training module.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 0% complete, This is dependent on the completion and approval of the Informed Consent training module.

- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 90% complete, The Department of Human Services (DoHS) is using their social media to complete this KPI. They are not going to do it monthly but will do it weekly during September for Recovery Month. The first biography has already been submitted via communication with Olivia Fox with ODCP.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 75% complete, Amber is waiting on another meeting with Anne Thomas from the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) in September to discuss project navigators completing contact visits in facilities.
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 100% complete, Two forums exist where this is already happening. Kenny Jordan already hosts monthly peer meetings. Joe Deegan also facilitates RE-PATH Advisory meetings.

Fall Planning

- There is an additional Town Hall Meeting tomorrow on Thursday, September 3, 2026 and Amber Blankenship is facilitating.
- The Subcommittee will use the Town Hall Meeting Summary Report to develop their 2027 State Plan and approve it at their November 14, 2026 meeting.

Additional Discussion

- None.

Adjournment

Amber closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The full Subcommittee will meet again on October 7, 2026, at 1:00 PM.