Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday, August 27, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Danny Anderson, Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Garrett Keefer, Jo Anne McNemar, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), Tristram Spitsnaugle
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: EJ Jenkins, Tiffany Pittman, Amy Sadler
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: None.
Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Youth Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 27, 2026, and was conducted by Microsoft Teams conference. Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan approved the June 25, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss 2026 State Plan key performance indicator (KPI) progress.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan KPI Progress

- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Reports from the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) have been sent to the Subcommittee. The Sequential Intercept Mapping Project is still ongoing but focuses on adults.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2**: Lists of potential focus group attendees are being compiled of courts resources, school resources, and community organizations. Elizabeth will complete her designated community list and then another internal planning meeting will be organized.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 3 and 4:** The Subcommittee needs updates from Dr. Stephen Loyd on his conversations with OVP Health about their plan to provide youth treatment beds.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 5:** No updates, pending KPI 4.
- **Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 6:** Rebecca Crowder and Amy Sadler have met to compile information on this. All out-of-state options requirement private pay or are also justice-involved. They have not found a gold-standard model to implement in West Virginia.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** Elizabeth Shahan will ask Jenny Lancaster if she has the funding or capacity to format the digital booklet.
- **Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** This distribution is pending KPI 1.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1**: The community center research document has been submitted for approval and is awaiting feedback.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 2**: This is pending the approval KPI 1.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** All existing information has been compiled. There is a general lack of community centers now. Rebecca Crowder is going to visit the BARN Community

Center in person. There is however interest in their revitalization. The Subcommittee discussed utilizing new opioid settlement funds that will be given to communities.

- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** This is pending the approval of the same document from Goal 3, Strategy 1.
- **Goal 3, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** Potential speakers have been identified but need to decide their next steps upon dissemination of the community center research document and gauge interest in how communities would fund them.

Additional Discussion

- Highland-Clarksburg Hospital has been trained in youth-specific treatment models and are willing to train other providers in the state.
- The Rural Health Transformation Grant was identified as a potential partner of the Bureau for Behavioral Health and the Bureau for Public Health to seek funding for youth programs.
- The West Virginia Certification Board is developing a youth peer credential that will roll out in the next few years.

Adjournment:

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on September 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM.