Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Housing Workgroup Tuesday, October 6, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Emily Birckhead, Courtney Boyd, Danny Hale, Bob Hansen (chair), Autumn McGraw, Jay Phillips, Kristin Tiedeman
Workgroup Members Not Attending: Matt Johnson, Joey McComas, David Sanders, Josh Sapp, Krista White
Guests Attending: Josh Barker
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Justin Smith
State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Stephanie Frazer
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, October 6, 2026, and was conducted by Microsoft Teams conference. Bob Hansen approved the August 11, 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 and priorities for the 2027 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan

- **Goal 1:**
    - Courtney Boyd provided updates from the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has funding for recovery residences that can be used by states for technical assistance and education but not operating costs. These will be used to provide education via their best practices and the White House toolkit.
    - BBH has been awarded funds for an FY27 needs assessment of recovery residences. They are working on completing Statements of Work (SOW) now. They will partner with the Fletcher Group and maybe a university.
    - The capacity assessment being done by West Virginia University (WVU) is not prioritizing recovery housing and it was a small variable for them, so this is not duplicating their process.
    - The West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR) is working with the Fletcher Group to develop an economic calculator report for recovery residences.
- **Goal 2:**

    - Elements of the coaching process established this year will carry over into the 2027 State Plan.
    - Autumn McGraw hosts at least two monthly meetings with mixed participation. All are open format to answer questions. One is specifically about the certification process and the other is an open meeting with Emily Birckhead (WVARR) and Kristin Tiedeman (Fletcher Group) present.
    - Additionally, there is a Recovery Capital Management System (RCMS) community of practice meeting to discuss database usage.
    - There are no plans to have a further Recovery Residence conference.
- **Goal 3:**
    - All users of Behave Health have migrated over to using RCMS as of August 1, 2026.
    - Only 18/45 recovery residences are using RCMS.

2027 State Plan

- The Workgroup will meet again in the last week of October to develop the 2027 State Plan.
- 2027 State Plan Goals and Strategies are due Monday, November 2, 2026.
- Chairs will present their Goals and Strategies on the November 18, 2026 virtual Governor's Council meeting.
- The final draft of 2027 State Plan with key performance indicators (KPIs) is due Friday, November 20, 2026.

Additional Discussion

- WVARR is developing a pre-application process on their website to establish needs before applying to recovery residences to filter which ones are applicable to users. This will reduce time waste and help users apply more efficiently.
- Participation for survey regarding recovery residence use of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) questionnaire is low. Autumn McGraw will likely have to call operators and ask them to participate in it.
- Justin Smith shared the following link to the Mountain State Assessment of Trends in Community Health (MATCH) survey: https://qdb.wvmatchsurvey.org/

Adjournment:

Bob Hansen closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The next meeting will be scheduled for the last week of October 2026.