Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, October 13, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Misty Atkins, Beth Bailey, Lieutenant Adam Crawford, Lata Menon, Jason Milton, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (chair)
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Julie Lockhart, Lieutenant Kenneth Murray, Errol Randle, Brad Story, Kevin Williams
Guests Attending: Erica Harmon
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Olivia Fox, Justin Smith
Marshall University Staff: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (Chair) provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment – Law Enforcement Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, and was conducted by Microsoft Teams conference. Chief Schwertfeger approved the September 16, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss progress priorities for the 2027 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2027 State Plan

- Bradley McCoy will meet with Chief Schwertfeger again in the month of October to develop a 2027 State Plan draft that will be sent to Subcommittee members for review, and recommendations, edits, and/or approval.
- 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.
- The Subcommittee discussed priorities and potential Goals and Strategies for next year which included:
    - Beyond reporting training metrics, report the number of programs and policies implemented post-training to evaluate effectiveness of training such as stigma reduction.
    - Include See Send training along with Handle With Care training. An example link for Wood County schools is included here: https://www.woodcountyschoolswv.com/page/see-something-send-something
    - Including first responder wellness training.
    - Investigate existing data for number of calls diverted to 988 and behavioral health by 911.

- Supporting early diversion efforts. Lata Menon discussed moving diversion down the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) to Intercept 0. Early diversion can begin at 911. There are some examples/champions who have enacted these protocols such as Julie Lockhart who is already a Subcommittee member. These protocols include 911 referring to 988 and behavioral health before sending an emergency response. The state of Vermont, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles are other model examples of this.
- Supporting peer collaboration with law enforcement.

Additional Discussion:

- None.

Adjournment:

Chief Schwertfeger closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM.