Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee Transportation and Employment Workgroup Tuesday, September 15, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Workgroup Members Attending: Alyce Almond, Leah Cook (co-chair), Deb Harris (co-chair), Salwa Kirk, Brittany Lowther, Brie Salmons
Workgroup Members Not Attending: Michael Austin, Jonathon Compton, Jeb Corey, Ken Fitzwater, Danial Gum, Bob Hansen, Tamara Lee, Simone Marsalis, Joshua McGill, Jay Phillips, Lorrie Smith, Stephanne Thornton
Other Partners Attending:
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Justin Smith
State Opioid Response (SOR) Staff Attending: Mark Lanyon
State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Coordinators Attending: Jill Poe
Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

Deb Harris and Leah Cook (co-chairs) provided welcome and opening remarks for this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Community Engagement and Supports Subcommittee – Transportation and Employment Workgroup. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 and was conducted in-person at Mountain State Educational Cooperative Services in Dunbar, West Virginia. The co-chairs approved of the July 21, 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss progress of the 2026 State Plan key performance indicators (KPIs) and in-person networking.

Agenda Items:

2026 State Plan KPI Progress

- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 100%, This KPI was completed in Quarter 2
- **Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 100%, Recovery Point and Seed Sower have applied for multiple grants together. They have applied for a Rural Health Transformation grant to expand services to 34/55 counties. They have also applied to ARC and the Pallottine Foundation among other.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 100%, This KPI was completed in Quarter 1.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 0%, The Workgroup would like to utilize Prevention Lead Organizations (PLOs) in each region to provide stigma training. Education is being provided to the Huntington City Mission for responding to those with substance use disorder and psychosis. The ARC stigma toolkit is being compiled currently but not ready for dissemination.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 100%, A second transportation provider network meeting was held on August 7, 2026.
- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 50%, tools and resources will be part of Seed Sower's ARC toolkit.

- **Goal 5, Strategy 2, KPI 3:** 50%, While applying to the Rural Health Transformation grant, areas of improvement and expansion were identified.
- **Goal 6, Strategy 1, KPI 1:** 75%, The Recovery Friendly Workplace events have been rebranded to Opportunity Expos. The second event is scheduled for Parkersburg on October 14, 2026 at the Grand Central Mall. Recovery Friendly Workplace training will be provided. WorkForce WV continued to host virtual job fairs monthly.
- **Goal 6, Strategy 1, KPI 2:** 50%, East Tennessee State University (ETSU) has sent initial surveys to grantees but has not finalized the survey for employers. They want to measure resources but avoid duplication.
- **Goal 6, Strategy 1, KPI 3:** 100%, The first Training of Trainers was held at this in-person meeting.
- **Goal 6, Strategy 2, KPI 1:** 100%, This KPI has already been completed by the holding of two meetings but there is another one scheduled for December 2026.
- **Goal 6, Strategy 2, KPI 2:** 75%, There have been multiple applications for funding for existing workforce programs.

Fall Planning

- Bradley McCoy discussed with the group the fall schedule. In October, Subcommittees will receive the Town Hall Meeting Summary Report. He will work with Deb Harris and Leah Cook to draft a version of the 2027 State Plan during October. The November 17, 2026 meeting will be used to make edits and finalize the 2027 State Plan draft.

Recovery Friendly Workplace Training of Trainers (ToT)

- Deb Harris provided her Recovery Friendly Workplace Training of Trainers. Training takes between 30 and 45 minutes. She is available to give this training to any organization that asks for it. She will additionally be training Jobs & Hope staff.

Additional Discussion

- None

Adjournment:

Deb and Leah closed the meeting by thanking all the Workgroup members for their attendance and participation. The Workgroup will meet again on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM.