Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee Thursday, October 22, 2026, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members Attending: Danny Anderson, Tahnee Bryant, EJ Jenkins, Garrett Keefer, Jo Anne McNemar, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), Tristram Spitsnaugle
Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Misty Atkins, Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Tiffany Pittman, Amy Sadler
Guests Attending: Rachel Goff, Jon Koerber
Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending: Olivia Fox
Marshall University Staff Attending: Bradley McCoy

Opening:

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, October 22, 2026, and was conducted by Microsoft Teams conference. Elizabeth Shahan approved the August and September 2026 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss priorities for the 2027 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

2027 State Plan

- The Town Hall Meeting Summary Report has been shared with Subcommittee Chairs.
- 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.
- Next week, Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan will meet with Bradley McCoy to develop a 2027 State Plan draft. Bradley will send the Town Hall Meeting Summary Report to the Subcommittee and ask them to submit their top priorities for next year's Plan.
- The Subcommittee discussed which items would be carried over into next year's plan, such as items pertaining to focus groups. They also discussed general funding and capacity limitations.
- The Subcommittee highlighted the importance of diversifying substance use treatment and not just general mental health treatment or programs that offer to treat comorbid mental health disorders and not the substance use disorder specifically.
- Tahnee Bryant shared information from the Youth Empowerment Summit. Youth discussed cyber and peer pressure around vaping as a main priority. They also mentioned general vaping prevention and having trauma-informed classrooms.
- The Subcommittee discussed opportunities to train providers on youth-specific substance use disorder.
- The Subcommittee discussed legislative policies around youth and vaping.

- The Subcommittee would like more treatment representation on the Subcommittee and in meetings for 2027.

Additional Discussion

- The November and December Subcommittee meetings will have to be rescheduled due to falling on holidays.

Adjournment:

Elizabeth closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again in November 2026.