

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Beth Bailey, Julie Lockhart, Lata Menon, Errol Randle, Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Brad Story, Kevin Williams

Subcommittee Members Not Attending: Misty Atkins, Adam Crawford, Jason Milton

Office of Drug Control Policy Staff: Justin Smith

Marshall University Staff: Rachel Bledsoe, 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, May 13, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. Kevin Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, and Errol Randle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with all in favor, and none opposed. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2025 key performance indicator (KPI) status and progress.

Agenda Items:

2025 KPI Updates and Performance Management Spreadsheet Review

- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* Wheeling Police Department trained 19 people on Crisis Intervention Training from April 28, 2025 to May 2, 2025. A total of 16 police officers, one firefighter, one Adult Protective Services investigator, and one crisis intervention team Coordinator (First Choice Services) attended.
- *Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2:* For the Crisis Intervention Team training, 13 police officers were from Ohio County, two were from Wood County, and one was from Kanawha. The firefighter was from Ohio County, the APS worker was from Ohio County, and the Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator worked for First Choice Services which is regional/statewide.
- *Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* Justin has sent new communications to various Subcommittee members requesting updated contact lists.
- *Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 2:* Spike alert reports are not done monthly, but can be found in quarterly reports. Justin Smith can ask for a report when needed though. The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program sends occasional summary reports.
 - The Office of Drug Control Policy does collaborate with outside spike alerts, but this is dependent on county data from neighboring states. The spike alerts do act as a predictive model for the counties in our area.
 - There have been six spike alerts based on Franklin County, Columbus and the route into West Virginia, which was identified through the predictive model.

- *Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 3:* ODMAP Training will be included in the Crisis Intervention Team Summit later this year.
- *Goal 3, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* Beth Bailey is available for Sequential Intercept Model training.
- *Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 1:* A Handle with Care conference is scheduled for October. The Subcommittee has communicated with WV State Police and First Choice Services with input from Dan Meloy about Angel policy revisions.
- *Goal 4, Strategy 1, KPI 2:* This KPI is dependent on KPI 1 completion.

Town Hall Information

- Bradley McCoy informed the group about the upcoming plan for town hall meetings. There are a total of seven town hall meetings (three virtual and four regional in person) with breakout sessions. The Subcommittee members suggested sending out invitations to publicize the availability of these meetings. Bradley will supply Chief Schwertfeger with the selected in-person date to help organize a location in Wheeling for one of the in person meetings. Volunteers were recruited to assist as facilitators for the breakout sessions.

Additional Discussion:

- Dr. Scott Zeller MD is the creator of the EmPATH (Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing) model which includes 24-hour psychiatric Emergency Room with casual comfortable setting services. This global model reduces Emergency Room stays. Zeller will present at the Crisis Intervention Team Summit and has agreed to offer an interview session the day after the Summit. Invitations are open to hospital leadership. Please reach out to Lata Menon.

Adjournment:

Chief Schwertfeger closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM.