

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday November 12, 2024, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Misty Atkins, Jason Milton, Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Brad Story
Subcommittee Members Unable to Attend: Adam Crawford, Marty Hatfield, Lata Menon Errol Randle, Kevin Williams
ODCP Staff: Justin Smith, Yolanda Sowards, Dina Williams
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 November 12, 2024, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was not present to approve the October meeting minutes. The purpose of this meeting was to work on the draft of the 2025 State Plan.

Agenda Items:

State Plan 2025 Draft (Final Draft Due November 15, 2024)

- The group actively worked to read over and finalize the 2025 State Plan Draft which is included below.
- For Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: Justin Smith wanted the group to be aware that they will know the number of law enforcement officers trained in naloxone from Errol Randle's training. Law enforcement officers currently report these numbers to OEMS, but there may be changes next year to reporting requirements. These changes may make it more difficult to get the number but can still be done by utilizing existing partnerships such as that with the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy.
- The group hopes to see the West Virginia First Foundation fund expansions of CIT training.

Reconfirm Subcommittee Membership

- The group welcomed two new members: Jason Milton with the Wheeling Fire Department and Brad Story with the West Virginia Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association.
- Marty Hatfield will be leaving the subcommittee.
- New members and the Chief Schwertfeger requested that some historical information about the Governor's Council and this particular subcommittee be provided.

Adjournment:

The Chief closed the meeting by thanking all subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Law Enforcement 2025 State Plan Draft

Goal 1: Equip and train law enforcement agencies on key topics related to substance use disorder.

Strategy 1 Provide education and training annually that includes but is not limited to, harm reduction, principles, overdose response (i.e., Naloxone and how to access Naloxone), self-care, and stigma).

KPI 1: By December 31, 2025, provide at least two training events per year (virtual and/or in-person) for law enforcement.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2025, track the number of law enforcement officers trained by county.

Goal 2: Provide law enforcement with analytical tools, techniques, resources, and policies to improve enforcement of drug laws.

Strategy 1 Utilize the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program to identify drug trafficking routes across state lines and encourage local law enforcement to enter overdose data, as required by law.

KPI 1: Through December 31, 2025, continue notification of state and local law enforcement agencies of overdose events and apparent drug routes identifiable via the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2025, track and report the number of notifications sent monthly.

KPI 3: By December 31, 2025, provide up to three trainings to law enforcement on how to use data in/from the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program platform.

Goal 3: Continue and strengthen crisis intervention training (CIT) for law enforcement.

Strategy 1 Provide education and training to all law enforcement officers on diversion, trauma-informed care, and cultural sensitivity.

KPI 1: By December 31, 2025, provide at least two training events (virtual and/or in-person) that includes Angel, CIT, Sequential Intercept Model (i.e., Intercept 0), and social determinants of health.

KPI 2: Through December 31, 2025, document the reach and location of law enforcement officers trained.

Goal 4: Strengthen use and understanding of the evidence base/implementation for Handle with Care and diversion programs.

Strategy 1:

- KPI 1: Through December 31, 2025, develop a quarterly written summary of activities for Angel, Handle With Care, and diversion programs (i.e., LEAD and Police and Peers) that is reviewed by the law enforcement subcommittee.
- KPI 2: By December 31, 2025, based on the review of activities and data, develop strategies for sharing and dissemination of the data as well as written recommendations for the 2026 Plan.