



**WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF
DRUG CONTROL POLICY**
WV Department of Health & Human Resources

AGENDA

**Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
Strategic Planning Session
Friday, December 15, 2023
9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Charleston Convention Center**

The Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment is charged to lead the statewide effort to combat substance use disorders, address prevention, and return those impacted to productive lives, and also to establish strategic direction through a state-level plan.

Chair: Brian Gallagher
Interim Director: Rachel Thaxton
Co-facilitators: Dr. Deb Koester & Becky King

9:30 *Arrival, Coffee, and Preparing for Today's Session*

- 10:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Comments**
Brian Gallagher, Chair, Governor's Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University and Marshall University School of Pharmacy
- 10:30 An Overview of the History, Structure and Success of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment**
Brian Gallagher, Chair
Dr. Matt Christiansen, Commissioner, Bureau for Public Health, DHHR
- 11:15 Using Evidence to Reduce Opioid Overdose**
Dr. Josh Sharfstein, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement, and Professor of the Practice in Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Noon Working Lunch and Presentation**
Spending Opioid Settlement Funds in WV: Lessons From Across the Nation
Sara Whaley, MSW, MPH, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 1:00 Our Strategic Roadmap for 2024**
Workgroup Chair Reports: Strategic Plan Priorities and Policy Change Recommendations
Large Group Discussion of Priorities, Takeaways, and Questions
- 2:15 Recap of Decisions, Next Steps, and Closing Reflections**
- 2:30 Adjournment – Thank you for your leadership and commitment!**