

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Law Enforcement Subcommittee Tuesday February 11, 2025, Approved

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Misty Adkins, Lata Menon, Errol Randle, Shawn Schwertfeger (chair), Kevin Williams

Subcommittee Members Unable to Attend: Adam Crawford, Jason Milton, Brad Story

ODCP 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, February 11, 2025, and was conducted by Zoom conference. A quorum was present to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes. Kevin Williams made the motion to approve the minutes, and Leta Menon 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:

March 10 Subcommittee Chair Meeting

- Bradley McCoy provided a reminder regarding the upcoming Subcommittee Chair meeting scheduled for March 10, 2025.

Q1 KPI Progress

- Goal 1, Strategy 1, KPI 2: First Choice held 2 trainings. One training was held in Lewis county with 16 first responders. The second training hosted 25 first responders last weekend in Putnam county. Crisis intervention training (CIT) is scheduled for April 28-May 2 in Wheeling, West Virginia.
- Goal 1 Strategy 1 KP1: Errol Randle met with the Office of Drug Control Policy last week and discussed training. Administration will be updated before training is scheduled. Substance use disorder and clinical approach overviews (this is withholding), and a compassion-fatigue piece accompanies training and is ready to present. Once updated, Errol will touch base with Lata Menon.
 - Since March 2024, 428 law enforcement officers have participated in the Emotional Intelligence Training. It has been offered in companion with substance use disorder and stigma trainings. Additional law enforcement and family workers have requested the training. Over 400 non-law enforcement members have also attended the training.

- Goal 2, Strategy 1, KPI 1: When there is an overdose, notifications are sent to local stakeholders who have registered to receive alerts. Spike notifications are distributed statewide. Many are subscribed to spike alerts outside the state. It was suggested that some report estimation for the number of people reached by overdose alerts by county would be beneficial. Each agency is their own administrator. Maps are accessed on their own and notifications are sent to community factions on their own. Every agency who has access to the system has their own series of alerts sent out. The Subcommittee clarified that this KPI was originally intended to document Office of Drug Control Policy communication with agencies around notifications and data input; however, estimations of the number of people reached would be beneficial.
 - Anticipatory spike alerts are those notifications that are received outside the area and will notify agencies of possible incoming spikes in their region.
- Goal 3, Strategy 1: The Wheeling Police Department received funding from the First Foundation, and upcoming training is being planned. Tracking attendees and CIT. Trainings are scheduled for all 6 of the regions. An 'open action' meeting is scheduled with Marshall University. Errol can provide information to agencies about trainings.
- Goal 4, Strategy 1: Handle With Care is working to make their program evidence-based. Misty is currently working to integrate with groups in Kanawha and Putnam as well for Handle with Care program.

Discussion:

- There will be a law enforcement re-training Summit on April 24, 2025. Chief Schwertfeger can include Emotional Intelligence Training by Errol Randle available in the training. He opened it to other members to submit suggestions for training.
- Open call for additional Subcommittee members.

Adjournment:

The Chief closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.