

**Governor's Substance Abuse Regional Task Forces
Top Five Recommendations Per Region - October 2015**

Region 1 Recommendations		Responses	
Stop old laws of felons paying the rest of their life. (job housing etc.)	29.63%	8	
Social workers in the schools	18.52%	5	
Ob-gyn online training for sub-exposed pregnancy/ protocol	14.81%	4	
Increase alcohol tax	11.11%	3	
Utilize lottery/alcohol/tobacco tax to fund social workers in schools	11.11%	3	
Region 2 Recommendations		Responses	
Increased availability/access to detox and crisis stabilization; Long term in-patient detox and 60-90 day program	22.22%	6	
Help us to make treatment sustainable rather than dependent on grants	18.52%	5	
Youth crisis unit (residential) 12-25 y/o	14.81%	4	
Increase in recovery/treatment centers	11.11%	3	
Treatment longer than 28 days and address every aspect of lifestyle-dependent on treatment level needed	7.41%	2	
Region 3 Recommendations		Responses	
Address laws that prevent individuals in recovery from obtaining positions in the workforce; address barriers to HUD/SNAP benefits	21.43%	6	
Expansion of school-based mental health centers	21.43%	6	
Alcohol tax to be put back into prevention programming	21.43%	6	
Institutional transitional recovery housing	10.71%	3	
Outreach/education strategies to improve the network in the area – clear, consistent message	7.14%	2	
Region 4 Recommendations		Responses	
Increase availability of drop-in centers to provide alternative activities and prevention	20.00%	7	
Mandate prevention and early intervention education with Prevention Funding-County level	17.14%	6	
Recovery housing for people coming out of treatment/prison; Recovery housing in-recovery or not!	17.14%	6	
Prevention education for healthcare and community figures and communities	17.14%	6	
Additional treatment centers that are age appropriate (youth focused)	11.43%	4	
Region 5 Recommendations		Responses	
Remove barriers for individuals in recovery re-entering workforce including leniency in background checks for employment	26.42%	14	
High need for MH counselor/social worker in each school, with minimum of 1 per county to address needs of whole child	26.42%	14	
Professionalize and fund recovery coaches more	13.21%	7	
Implement evidence-based prevention and interventions/programs in the schools Pre-K to 12 including school based outpatient services	9.43%	5	
Alcohol/tobacco tax to be put back in the system for prevention, treatment, recovery	9.43%	5	
Region 6 Recommendations		Responses	
Increased funding for youth peer-to-peer prevention	19.05%	4	
More recovery centers (women)	19.05%	4	
Improve communication among families, child welfare, education, providers and intervene early for substance exposed children	19.05%	4	
Increased Recovering Housing	14.29%	3	
Community resource person (or SW) in every school	9.52%	2	

Region 1 - October 5, 2015

Participants Voting: 27

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Stop old laws of felons paying the rest of their life. (job housing etc.)	29.63%	8
Social workers in the schools	18.52%	5
Ob-gyn online training for sub-exposed pregnancy/ protocol	14.81%	4
Increase alcohol tax	11.11%	3
Utilize lottery/alcohol/tobacco tax to fund social workers in schools	11.11%	3
Increase transportation needs; stop old laws of taking drivers license	7.41%	2
Going from 24 hrs. to "Real-time" prescription info sharing between docs which is required and enforced	7.41%	2
Drop-in Centers funding	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	27

Raw Recommendations for Region 1

Increase transportation needs; stop old laws of taking driver's license

Counties: All worse in Marshall, Wetzel, Brook, and Hancock

Rationale: Improve Access

Stop old laws of felon's paying "the rest of their life" (job, housing, etc.)

Counties: All

Rationale: Improve workforce, less homelessness, less addiction, crime rates decrease

Raising the alcohol tax

Counties: statewide

Rationale: Has not been raised since 1964, also it lowers consequences of drinking and the risk factors

OB/GYN Online Training on Substance Exposed Pregnancy

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: Of all the gaps and barriers still associated with substance and reducing FASD and NOW

Drop-In Centers - Funding

Counties: One in each region for starts

Rationale: Takes away stigma; will help to continue to help that hand-off for those trying to be successful.

"Real time" prescription information sharing between docs

Counties: All

Rationale: Sharing of prescription information will inform doctors and help decrease diversion and "doctor shopping."

Stop old laws of felons "paying" the rest of their lives

Counties: All

Rationale: Individuals cannot make positive changes in their lives when "old charges" create immovable road blockers. Change the laws so these charges can be removed for individuals in advanced recovery.

Social workers in schools

Counties: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel

Rationale: Provide for individuals in each school. Current staff are dealing with overloaded schedules; Not trained in substance abuse/recovery/or mental health training; Aren't always social workers

Tap into taxes such as lottery/alcohol to implement social workers in schools

Region 2 - October 9, 2015

Participants Voting: 27

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Increased availability/access to detox and crisis stabilization; Long term in-patient detox and 60-90 day program	22.22%	6
Help us to make treatment sustainable rather than dependent on grants	18.52%	5
Youth crisis unit (residential) 12-25 y/o	14.81%	4
Increase in recovery/treatment centers	11.11%	3
Treatment longer than 28 days and address every aspect of lifestyle-dependent on treatment level needed	7.41%	2
Increase transportation from rural counties to treatment access	7.41%	2
Recovery Housing – Females w/ children	7.41%	2
Drop In Center	3.70%	1
More medicated assisted treatment	3.70%	1
Naloxone availability	3.70%	1
Totals	100%	27

Regional Recommendations - Tie Vote	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Treatment longer than 28 days and address every aspect of lifestyle-dependent on treatment level needed	57.69%	15
Increase transportation from rural counties to treatment access	23.08%	6
Recovery Housing – Females w/ children	19.23%	5
Totals	100%	26

Raw Recommendations for Region 2

Help us to make treatment sustainable rather than being dependent on grants.

Counties: All counties

Rationale: When funding ends - treatment can continue

Treatment should be longer than 28 days and address every aspect of lifestyle - dependent on level of treatment needed; encompass transitional treatment.

(Not limit treatment - base treatment on need)

Counties: All counties

Rationale: Person receives the needed treatment and is better equipped to stay clean.

Work with employers to hire those in recovery.

Counties: All counties

Rationale: Will help those in the recovery process and success.

Need funding as an incentive for employers.

Increase transportation from rural counties to treatment access.

Counties: Morgan, Hampshire, Pendleton, Grant, Hardy

Increased availability/access to detox and crisis stabilization.

Counties: All

Rationale: Access is limited, not available locally, or has a waiting period.

Long-term in-patient detox and 60-90 day program with Drop-In Center

Counties: Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson

Rationale: Services not available

Recovery Housing - Females with children

Counties: Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson

Rationale: Services not available - support recovery - safe and sober living - transitional housing

Public awareness on addiction with funded public speakers

Counties:

Rationale: Changes public perception on addiction and recovery.

More Medicated Assisted Treatment

Counties: Mineral, Hampshire, Grant, Morgan, Pendleton

Rationale: Not available or minimal availability in Region 2.

Youth Crisis Unit (Residential) 12-25 year old

Counties: Berkeley/Jefferson; Grant, Mineral

Rationale: We do not have this service in the Potomac Highlands or Eastern Panhandle that is known.

LSW or LPC in school systems (each school if possible)

Counties: Region 2

Rationale: Since losing school-based grants, there is a huge mental health need for these prevention, intervention, education, treatment in regards to trauma, substance abuse, mental health, etc.

Increase in Recovery & Treatment Centers

Counties: All counties

Rationale: 0 inpatient treatment centers

Naloxone Availability

Counties: All

Rationale: Saves lives

More meetings to increase collaboration between meetings

Counties: All

Rationale: Strengthen collaboration and work on specific tasks to come up with workable solutions.

Region 3 - October 7, 2015

Participants Voting: 28

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Address laws that prevent individuals in recovery from obtaining positions in the workforce; address barriers to HUD/SNAP benefits	21.43%	6
Expansion of school-based mental health centers	21.43%	6
Alcohol tax to be put back into prevention programming	21.43%	6
Institutional transitional recovery housing	10.71%	3
Address transportation barriers for treatment/recovery; Transportation to increase access to services	7.14%	2
Outreach/education strategies to improve the network in the area – clear, consistent message	7.14%	2
Increase peer recovery coach trainers (incorporating youth)	7.14%	2
Real time data (from schools and other; i.e. PRIDE surveys)	3.57%	1
Mobile crisis units	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	28

Regional Recommendations - Tie Vote	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Outreach/education strategies to improve the network in the area – clear, consistent message	46.43%	13
Increase peer recovery coach trainers (incorporating youth)	35.71%	10
Address transportation barriers for treatment/recovery; Transportation to increase access to services	17.86%	5
Totals	100%	28

Raw Recommendations for Region 3

Increase Peer Recovery Coach Trainers including youth

Counties: All counties

Rationale: To increase the number of peer recovery coaches in each county.

Institutional transitional recovery housing

(transitional recovery housing following various institutions)

Counties: Wood, Jackson

Mobile Crisis Units

Counties:

Alcohol tax to be put back into prevention programming

Counties: Statewide - every county

Rationale: Proven strategy to decrease youth usage - money raised from taxes would fund prevention throughout the state.

Transportation to increase access to services

Counties: Tyler, Wirt, Calhoun, Ritchie, Doddridge

Rationale: No services in their county so they must travel for services.

Transportation - Bigger than Us

Counties: All

Rationale: Medicaid treatment has transportation reimbursement but transportation for recovery supports is equally important.

Outreach and Education Strategies

Counties: All

Rationale: If we can improve the network in the area, we can provide a clear, consistent message.

Real Time Data - Schools

Counties: All

Rationale: Outdated data makes it difficult to see progress and to set new goals

Address laws that prevent individuals in recovery from obtaining positions in the workforce.

Counties: All

Expansion of school-based Mental Health

Counties: All

Region 4 - October 8, 2015
Participants Voting: 35

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Increase availability of drop-in centers to provide alternative activities and prevention	20.00%	7
Mandate prevention and early intervention education with Prevention Funding-County level	17.14%	6
Recovery housing for people coming out of treatment/prison; Recovery housing in-recovery or not!	17.14%	6
Prevention education for healthcare and community figures and communities	17.14%	6
Additional treatment centers that are age appropriate (youth focused)	11.43%	4
Funding for Narcan distribution/ education; Marketing of SB335/SB419 “get the word out”	8.57%	3
Expungement of non-violent or certain SA related criminal activities	5.71%	2
Wrap around recovery – social places to go/support	2.86%	1
Path to restoration of driving privileges	0.00%	0
Increase the number of trained interventionists	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	35

Raw Recommendations for Region 4

Increase the number of trained interventionists

Counties:

Rationale: The more people trained to help families with members in need of assistance, the more likely they are to get help.

Mandate prevention and early intervention education

Counties:

Rationale: Training educators about trauma informed case and substance abuse issues will enable them to make appropriate referrals for mental health services.

Prevention through Community Education

Counties: All

Rationale: Approach non school groups about education/awareness re: CEOs, 4-H, youth groups Boy/girl scouts; churches; women's groups; Lions, Elks, Rotary, Young Life, Sr. Centers

Wrap Around Recovery - Social Places to go/support

Counties: All

Rationale: Employment opportunities, employment workplace education to support recovery

Treatment Centers! Recovery Housing

Counties: All

Rationale: If not employed then go to the day recovery programs - "It's your job"

Expungement of non-violent or certain SA related criminal activities

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: Productive - contributing citizens

Recovery Housing In-Recovery or Not!

Counties: Harrison, Mon, Randolph

Rationale: Keep out of prior environment

Drop-In Center

Counties: All 13

Rationale: Keep temptation of the streets and find peer support; Affordable; Culture change

Recovery Housing for people coming out of treatment; prison

Counties: North central WV

Rationale: It is needed

Prevention Education for healthcare and community figures

Counties: WV

Rationale: It is needed

Marketing of SB335 / SB419 "get the word out"

Path for obtaining driver's license with restrictions

Funding for Narcan distribution and education

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: It saves lives and there are individuals who cannot afford to pay for it

Increase the availability of drop-in centers to provide alternative activities and prevention

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: To prevent the need for treatment

Prevention Funding - County Level

Counties: All counties - Region 4

Rationale: Prevention \$ saves money long-term - a return investment.

Additional treatment centers that are age appropriate

Counties: Counties where centers don't exist

Rationale: Meet the need WV has with services in WV

Peer education for first responders LEOs EMS F&R

Counties: All counties in Region 4

These are the front line responders to the addict/family/child in crisis

Development of Youth Drop-In Centers

Counties: Harrison, Mon, Braxton, Randolph, Upshur

Rationale: We need to get to youth first (emphasis YMCAs)

Recovery Housing - still needed 36 bed

Counties: Randolph or Upshur

Treatment Center - 16 beds

Region 5 - October 5, 2015

Participants Voting: 53

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Remove barriers for individuals in recovery re-entering workforce including leniency in background checks for employment	26.42%	14
High need for MH counselor/social worker in each school, with minimum of 1 per county to address needs of whole child	26.42%	14
Professionalize and fund recovery coaches more	13.21%	7
Implement evidence-based prevention and interventions/programs in the schools Pre-K to 12 including school based outpatient services	9.43%	5
Alcohol/tobacco tax to be put back in the system for prevention, treatment, recovery	9.43%	5
OTC access to lifesaving Naloxone	5.66%	3
Expand parental resources for prevention and early intervention (parental education, drug testing kits, follow up steps, ensuring access to treatment resources	5.66%	3
Expand the prescriptive authority of NPs so they can write prescriptions for Suboxone	1.89%	1
Provide education/awareness to mothers/fathers post partum and before discharge re: drugs	1.89%	1
Peer mentorship programs	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	53

Raw Recommendations for Region 5

More lenient background checks for employment

Counties: Entire

Professionalize and fund recovery coaches

Rationale: Smoother transition and mentoring during transition from treatment into community living

Recovery Oriented System of Care for MAT

Rationale: Lack of mentors available with MAT recovery/experience

Expanded social worker positions in county Boards of Education (1 per county) to address needs of the whole child.

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: Position would help provide link between schools and parents and provider/partner services (community schools model)

Expanded parental resources for prevention and early intervention - parental education,

drug testing kits, what to do next, how to access resources.

Counties: Statewide

Rationale: Empower parents to be part of the solution.

Alcohol and tobacco tax to be put back into the system to be used for prevention, treatment and recovery

Counties: Region 5

Rationale: Higher taxes will discourage use especially in youth. Alcohol and tobacco are the substances that cause the problem in the first place, so raising taxes on these substances is appropriate.

Removing barriers for individuals entering the workforce.

Counties: Region 5

Rationale: Lifelong punishment is too excessive. Punishment doesn't work, treatment does

Implement evidence-based interventions/programs in the schools FBIS (i.e. school-based therapists, substance abuse prevention and awareness programs

Counties: all of region 5 counties

Rationale: Areas have lack of access, transportation to behavioral health services - students' mental health needs go unserved.

Provide education and awareness to mothers and fathers post partum and post delivery and before hospital discharge for newborns regarding drugs and its affect on everyone (prescription, illegal, substance abuse)

Counties: Region 5 counties

Rationale: Parents of newborns may be unaware and unknowledgeable about the effects of drugs, substance abuse on all involved individuals

Accountability via legislation/policies for aforementioned recommendations

Counties: All of region 5 counties

Rationale: Need "teeth" and accountability for mandates to occur

High need for mental health counselor/social workers in each school

Counties: All Region 5

Peer Mentorship Programs

Counties: All Region 5

Add primary prevention to the standard curriculum for pre-k - 12th

Counties: Statewide

Expand the prescriptive authority of NPs so they can write Rxs for Suboxone

Counties: Statewide

Develop/expand school to provider referral network for treatment, intervention, and recovery

Counties: Statewide

Remove barriers for individuals re-entering the workforce

Counties: All counties

OTC access to lifesaving Naloxone

Counties: All

Region 6 - October 1, 2015

Participants Voting: 22

Regional Recommendations	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Increased funding for youth peer-to-peer prevention	19.05%	4
More recovery centers (women)	19.05%	4
Improve communication among families, child welfare, education, providers and intervene early for substance exposed children	19.05%	4
Increased Recovering Housing	14.29%	3
Increased MAT in Community BH Centers	9.52%	2
Community resource person (or SW) in every school	9.52%	2
Availability for meaningful activities/limited transportation	4.76%	1
Alcohol/tobacco tax increase with funds going to 50% prevention/50% treatment	4.76%	1
Address laws that prevent individual in recovery from obtaining... (decreasing barriers)	0.00%	0
Elementary education for prevention/treatment options	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	21

Regional Recommendations - Tie Vote	Responses	
Recommendation	Percent	Count
Community resource person (or SW) in every school	72.73%	16
Increased MAT in Community BH Centers	27.27%	6
Totals	100%	22

Raw Recommendations for Region 6

Additional Recovery Centers (In-Patient)

Counties: Wyoming, Fayette

Elementary education for prevention and treatment options

Social workers in every school

Counties: Region

Rationale: Preventive, identification of parent use

Address laws that prevent individuals in recovery from obtaining...

Counties: All in Region

Rationale: Too many policy barriers

Recovery Centers for Women

Counties: Entire Region

Rationale: Not any in region

Increased funding for youth peer-to-peer prevention initiatives

Community resource person (or SW) in every school

Alcohol and tobacco tax increase with funds going to 50% prevention, 50% treatment

Recovery housing

Increased MAT in Community BH Centers

Availability meaningful activities/limited transportation