

**Governor's Substance Abuse Regional Task Forces
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Region	Recommendation	Recommended Counties	Rationale
1	Develop system/process for remaining barriers to obtaining housing / employment / further education following treatment. Second chance revisited	Northern Panhandle	Women 6 plus months out / 18 plus months out of drug (can't?) reuniting with families, in community environment being able to be self-supportive outside of an agency
1	Funding 28 day inpatient facilities, long-term treatment, and transitional housing	Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio	There are no inpatient treatment centers, one men's long-term (Miracles) and very few transitional living facilities (Oxford House (4), Lazarus House).
1	Food Stamps for Drug Offenders	Region 1	So many struggle to make ends meet when coming out of treatment / corrections they resort to dealing drugs to pay for everyday things like food.
1	Development of a Women's Treatment Facility	Ohio	Lack of availability and great need in the are for treatment for women and their children
1	Second Chance Legislation	Statewide	Negative legal history restricts ability to get employment to meet basic needs and keep them on path to recovery
1	Life After Recover Programs	Ohio	Recovering people often fail because of road blocks with employment / housing that lead to relapse
1	Reschedule Benzodiazepines from 4-2	Brooke, Ohio, Wetzel, Marshall,	Benzos are too widely abused and need to be monitored
1	Second Chance Legislation	Marshall, Wetzel, Brooke, Ohio	We have a higher rate of homelessness, most are of individuals that cannot find employment due to their prior charges.
1	Second Chance Legislation	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Wetzel,	Those with felons unable to find (sustainable?) employment due to legal issues
1	Reschedule BZP's	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Wetzel,	High potential for abuse, should be stiffer regulation
1	Reschedule Benzodiazepines	Hancock, Ohio, Brooke, Wetzel,	Benzodiazepines should be Schedule 2; they are widely abused in this area
1	Provide mechanism within legal system to expunge substance abuse related felonies from criminal record. "Second Chance Legislation"	Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock, Wetzel	Individuals in recovery often find it difficult / impossible to obtain gainful employment due to criminal records
1	Keep Marijuana Illegal	All	Lowers perception of harm which causes increased youth use. Increases availability which increases youth use. Creates a big business which will advertise - again creating youth users
1	Urge the WV Attorney General to pursue lawsuit against prescription drug companies for over distribution	All	They may have marketed and over distributed to WV thus causing this opioid epidemic
1	Funding to encourage youth involvement in prevention efforts	All	
1	Require law enforcement to carry Naloxone		

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1	More training (general logistics) for regional trainings on Naloxone	Region 1 or Brooke / Hancock	Still a lot of questions around this, especially in the "Who is responsible if.." maybe even need town hall on this
1	Make evidence-based prevention education a mandatory for schools	Brooke Co. especially	Very hard to get into the schools and to have someone dedicated to completing programs when others outside see the need for the programs and get upset to hear they were turned away
1	Continue to educate and (oppose?) medical and legal marijuana	Statewide (Ohio County)	As state and national options are changing, we need to continue to (oppose?) legislation making these possible changes
1	Second chance for employment	Brooke, Hancock, Ohio	Those charged with felony drug cannot obtain employment. Ohio passed to eliminate from applications. Push more for businesses to give those in recovery a second chance.
1	Needle Dropbox Sites / Needle Exchange Sites (more than 1 in each county)	Ohio, Hancock, Brooke, Marshall, Wetzel	Decrease accidental needle stick exposure to the public, decrease exposure / risk Hep C / HIV, State of WV Hep C rate continues to grow - this could decrease that rate as well as protect the public
1	Public Education / Outreach	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel	Provide consistent messages and campaigns regarding the decrease of addiction, access to appropriate treatment and that there are multiple pathways to recovery
1	Increase alcohol / tobacco tax rates	All	Use the funding to provide more preventative and treatment services
1	Second Chance Legislation		
1	Legislation to make it easier for expungement of felonies related to addiction - including theft, etc.	All	We have a generation of good people (once clean) who are stuck bussing tables
1	RX Monitoring Program	All	Doctors are a huge part of the problem
1	Develop long-term in-patient program for women	Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock	Not one in area
1	Second Chance Legislation	All	Important for removing the barrier
1	Expansion of School Based Mental Health	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel	Best way to access at risk youth and connect to treatment
1	Medication Assisted Treatment	Northern Panhandle	Amount of doctors not providing proper monitoring and treatment, support
1	Second Chance Legislation	Northern Panhandle	

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1	Consequences of substance abuse during pregnancy	Statewide	Rising rate of babies born addicted, and the long-term predictions of the negative life long consequences to these children
1	Residential Treatment for Women	Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall	
1	User Fee (beer, liquor); Pass legislation to add a User Fee to beer, liquor	All	
1	Residential treatment homes for women that allow children	Ohio, Marshall	Many women will not seek the inpatient treatment they need due to having children in the home
1	Residential for Women treatment long-term	Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock	There is no residential treatment
1	Increase tax on alcohol	Statewide	Funding for treatment
1	Regarding the new MAT Rules - don't let the desired outcome of improving MAT services get lost in all of the "added" requirements for office-based MAT programs		
1	Need better, more responsive transportation availability to help get people to services	Brooke, Wetzel	
2	Public Education / Outreach - Peer to Peer	All	
2	Second Chance Legislation	All	
2	Review / update Maternal Risk Legislative Rule	All	
2	Ensure that all schools have access to in-school behavioral health services to promote early screening, intervention and access to services provision	All school systems	"It is easier to develop boys and girls than it is to mend men and women" Cathy CEO Chick-Fil-A
2	Review options for more funding earmarked for substance abuse prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery, with a tax on alcohol, tobacco, and lottery resources	All	To accomplish our goals
2	Second Chance Legislation - Develop Support	All	Remove barriers to obtaining employment so people can find and retain jobs
2	Expansion of School Based Behavioral Health Services (Bigger than Us)	Region 2	Availability of services at school during school day eliminates a lot of barriers parents / students face
2	Focused funding for specific programs	Region 2	Money / people / services would not spread so thin. Teach people how to advocate for funding at all levels.
2	More residential facilities that can provide option to house children from beginning for eventually.	Region 2	Because some won't commit to treatment over leaving their children. Would also help with open CPS cases and family services. Funding to be able to provide appropriate staff and facilities
3	All schools have access to in school BH Services		

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3	Regular funding for community youth prevention activities (schools as hubs for activities for all children year round / after hours) (clubs, sports, arts, trades)		
3	Continue to address the "NOs" from 2011-2015 Recommendations		
3	Continue efforts to pass Second Chance Legislation	All	
3	Continue to expand school based services	All	
3	Increase efforts to recruit and retain experienced treatment providers including those with lived experience / consider changing Medicaid reimbursement requirements		
3	SBIRT - Increased Access	Tyler, Pleasants, Wood, Ritchie, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Calhoun	The rural communities have a need for SBIRT that is not being met
3	Education on differences in Opioids	Tyler, Pleasants, Wood, Ritchie, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Calhoun	Youth often hear about the dangers of "opioids" but do not understand that prescription meds fit that description. They do not know that they can be just as addictive as heroin.
3	Enact an alcohol tax to fund the following - Fund prevention, Education, Treatment, Transition Housing. Recovery Follow up.	Entire state	
3	Non-treatment Youth Recovery Home	Wood	Very few Recovery housing or placements for youth
3	Wrap Around Services	WV wide	People need more community based supports and / or better implementation of what's already available
3	Specified trainings for doctors who prescribe opioid medications	WV wide	So doctors statewide get a better understanding of opioids and addictions that rise as a consequence
3	All treatment available when pt presents		
3	Increase affordable training and education for counselor		
3	Increase support / training for families and concerned friends, etc.		
3	Focus groups to (redirect?) ed Re "Addiction is a Disease." Public ed outreach and options to pathways for recovery		
3	"2nd Chance for Employment" Act		WVs high rate of usage history
3	Increase Alcohol Tax!	All	Not increased since 1964?

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3	More Medication Assisted Treatment	Wood, Washington, Meigs, Jackson	Not enough treatment centers available to get monitored recovery to insure health lifestyle
3	Stronger "after care" system for individuals in recovery	Wood, Washington, Meigs, Jackson	Not enough after care follow-up to assure health recovery and becoming contributing citizens in society
3	Continued involvement of the faith-based community in recovery efforts	All counties statewide	The addict needs to replace their need for drugs with a faith in God. Getting more churches involved in recovery and mental health wellness. Free; no funding needed; no laws
4	Education on the Continuum of Care	Statewide	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery PSAs on each segment and best practices, to expand information about continuum of care
4	Justice Population Recovery Beds	Region 4	Level II
4	Juvenile Services for Justice Population	Region 4	Stop recidivism from juveniles returning as adults with co-occurring conditions
4	More treatment beds from CRU to long term and sober living	All	
4	Second Chance Legislation	All	If someone has the chance at gainful employment they would be less likely to relapse
4	Education and resources for physicians on addiction and what is working in recovery communities as well as the effect of long term opioid use for pain		
4	Expansion of school based health services	All	Key are to continue focus - critical population (youth / young adults)
4	Second Chance Legislation Workforce Development	All	No action indicated / Very high volume of barriers
4	Dissemination of info ed and what's next - very important component to add	All	Take this and expand info / ed (opportunity)
4	Public Education / Outreach	Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Randolph	Creating more community awareness on addiction and resources in terms of treatment and resources
4	Infrastructure Development for Recovery Housing	Randolph, Lewis, etc.	It still needs work as some counties are not open if they have the buildings and communities that have buildings need help too. This looks at for a more regional approach as to set up participants for success
4	Second Chance Legislation	All	Offender still face barriers with employment, housing, drivers license, etc.
4	Second Chance Legislation	Across the state	People need to gain better employment to better support themselves and families
4	Public Education / Outreach	Across the state	There are professional who still do not understand addiction and how different treatments are appropriate
4	Sudafed RX	Across the state	Due to increase of methamphetamine use in the state
4	Second Chance Legislation Employment Act	All	Also a second chance for those who have drug felonies. To get food stamps
4	Development Women's Treatment Facility	All	

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4	Recovery to Work	All	
4	Emergency Depts. and EMS could provide a contact for follow up or make the call 24-48 hours		Perhaps Help4WV could be involved; referral to health depts.?
4	Lilly's Place in N Central Regional Area with very strong focus on building parental capacity and preparedness for post discharge success in parenting.		Can funding or regulatory be (A?) to avoid req. for temp state custody of infant? This has been a barrier in the past.
4	In house activities and programs in jails / prisons.	Randolph, Barbour	Population inmates want rehab. programs increased (like AA) or additional church services to prepare for the transition to release
4	Alcohol Tax	Statewide	Think of what we could do in prev/rec/treatment
4	Infrastructure Development in Housing for Recovering and Re-Entering Individuals from Incarceration	Statewide	Helps prevent relapse and reinforces recovery to work and community capacity building
4	Second Chance Legislation	Statewide	Helps to reinforce recovery and citizenship
5	Medicaid Coverages for Peer Services	All counties	Increase workforce while providing for equal employment opportunities
5	Second Chance Legislation	All counties	People need to be able to find jobs to live in community
5	State Certification for Peer Workers	All counties	Important that equal training and credentialing is important to all and supervisory ability be developed
5	Enhance and Pass Second Chance Legislation	All counties / nationwide	Reduce recidivism, remove barriers to employment
5	Oppose Legalization of Marijuana Legislation	Statewide	Increased drug use in youth
5	Develop process to obtain housing	All counties	Removing barriers for people to have access to housing
5	Increase and standardize prevention / early intervention of school age children (education of elementary and middle school aged children)	All	Educate children at a young age to make good decisions (prior to exposure)
5	Whole family programs - develop non-tx recovery homes that can serve the whole family	All available	The whole family is affected by the issue and if they are not supported in a safe environment (appropriate) relapse is more likely to occur.
5	Review CON to reduce barriers	All	Expansion of services
5	Continue to expand L.E.A.D. Program so that it is available in all counties. Expand to non-law enforcement referrals	All	It has been successful in Kanawha and is expanding to Cabell and Wood. We need this type of assistance available to all residents.
5	Peer Support to Become a Medicaid Reimbursable Expense	All	Peer support is vital. It should be a paid professional service
5	Any Objectives / Recommendations that are taken on, make sure it can be expanded statewide ASAP		1. All West Virginians deserve prevention / tx / recovery; 2. If something isn't available in Clay (for example) it puts further burden on Kanawha (for example)
5	Whole Family Programs	Region 5 - focus on Kanawha/Cabell	Need whole family treatment programs - outpatient
5	Child and Adolescent Tx Facilities	Region 5	Maybe dovetail in to the Whole Family Tx Programs
5	Second Chance	Logan	Its hard for people coming out of treatment to find jobs / transportation

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6	Harm Reduction for infectious disease by needle exchange	All counties Region 6	High prevalence of infectious disease i.e. Hep C and HIV and no such programs currently exist
6	Media campaign: SA is a disease	All counties Region 6	To educate the public; increase awareness and encourage outreach
6	Appropriate Housing Facilities	Raleigh Co.	Mother and (???) housing facilities are not appropriate; needs more secure and separated from general population, needs new facilities instead of housing them at Pinehaven
6	Develop a system for overcoming obstacles after recovery / or plans for what's next	All counties Region 6	If there is no plan of action in place - relapse is likely
6	Identify and locate easily contacts for applicable resources for people in recovery	All 11 counties	Know where help is available
6	Homeless Population	Statewide	Requirements for housing assistance too complex
6	MAT	Nicholas, Webster, Upshur, Poca	
6	Residential Tx	Statewide	
6	More Peer to Peer Facilities	All	More beneficial one addict helping another is without parallel
6	Mother Baby Facilities	Region 6	Help mothers stay in touch with their babies while getting tx - programs for mom and baby nearby like Lilly's Place for Mercer or Raleigh County; "Crisis Nursery" program to keep babies out of foster care or loss of custody while mom is in tx
6	More off the street or walk in beds	All	
6	Continued support of justice grant	Statewide (Raleigh Co)	Current offender population with minimal drug charges need alternative sentencing
6	Detox Resources	District 6 (Raleigh Co)	One detox facility in Beckley - a tree fell on the building and the beds are cut down to half - only 5 beds currently
6	Women's Level 2 or 3 facility in Raleigh County	Statewide (Raleigh Co)	Need residential transitional long-term facility for women without children in Beckley
6	Consistent youth prevention programs	Region 6 plus entire state	Data supports needs
6	Women's Treatment Facility	Region 6	No services
6	Second Chance Legislation	Region 6 statewide	Because unemployment causes a spiral to destructive lifestyle.