



These selected priorities were identified and selected during Rounds 1 and 2 of the Governor's Regional Substance Abuse Task Forces meetings.

Priorities Selected

- Sufficient, sustainable state funding for substance abuse prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery efforts, including pursuing options such as lottery funding and increasing taxes on alcohol and tobacco (RESOURCES & LEGISLATIVE)
(Priority selected 21 times across regions)
- Equal funding across the state to combat the issue of substance abuse (RESOURCES)
(Priority selected 4 times across regions)
- Better collaboration and communication across provider network and between organizations to include groups such as the following (DATA):
 - Law enforcement
 - Medical profession
 - Pharmacies
 - Medical providers
 - Domestic violence
 - All related parties - Increase collaboration and communication across state lines(Priority selected 13 times across regions)
- Integration and sharing of data/statistics within the provider community (DATA)
(Priority selected 3 times across regions)
- One centralized database to house "drug" issues – treatment, arrests, available resources, long term follow-up for recovery, standardization of outcome measures etc. (like the Fusion Center) (DATA)
- Legislation to prevent doctor shopping and to prevent prescriptions being filled by multiple doctors. (WORKFORCE & LEGISLATIVE)
(Priority selected 6 times across regions)
- Need stronger accountability for doctors and pharmacists and task forces to investigate doctors who over-prescribe narcotic medications (WORKFORCE & LEGISLATIVE)
(Priority selected 10 times across regions)
- Require doctors to use Board of Pharmacy database (WORKFORCE)
 - red flag providers who over-prescribe controlled substances
 - changed to Real Time Reporting (LEGISLATIVE)(Priority selected 5 times across regions)
- Make electronic prescription-writing mandatory (WORKFORCE)
(Priority selected 3 times across regions)

- Increase the participation to include those not at the table who can provide more contact/access with all populations (WORKFORCE)
 - faith-based community
 - parents
 - concerned citizens
 - youth
 (Priority selected 4 times across regions)

- Educate the community about addiction so that they see it as a disease (ACCESS):
 - Educate the public so that they are more aware of the dangers of substance abuse.
 - Educate the community about what services are currently provided in their areas.
 - Educate children at a younger age as part of a preventative strategy
 - Educate the WV Legislature
 - Educate physicians about addiction treatment options in WV
 - Develop partnerships with the Department of Education to incorporate evidence-based prevention curriculum into all schools
 - Utilize public service announcements and grassroots movements to educate the public and make the topic less taboo
 (Priority selected 5 times across regions)

- Comprehensive plan that addresses prevention, intervention, and treatment (DATA)
 (Priority selected 2 times across regions)

- More treatment and intervention options
 - Quick/immediate treatment that focuses on the continuum of care across region
 - Quick access to local in-patient treatment beds
 - More beds treatment beds for women and pregnant women
 - More affordable treatment.
 - Treatment access for individuals with disabilities
 - Detox centers
 - Need for halfway houses that focus on recovery in a home setting (ACCESS)
 (Priority selected 5 times across regions)

- More counseling resources for our schools (WORKFORCE)
 (Priority selected 2 times across regions)

- Support for at-risk students and families in schools (ACCESS)

- Drug courts in each county (RESOURCES)
 (Priority selected 2 times across regions)

- Access an educational system for peer support recovery (ACCESS)
 - Would like people in recovery in paid positions;
 - Medicaid Reimbursable
 - Require certification (ADC) but provide more access to training and have it mean something (financially) i.e. license (WORKFORCE)
 (Priority selected 3 times across regions)

- Mandated Comprehensive Funded County Level Youth Data consistent across the state (DATA)

- Sudafed RX (LEGISLATIVE)
- Address the “border problem.” Need access to all border states’ drug registry, out-of-state prescriptions, and coordination of DHHR services between states (DATA)
- Mandatory drug testing for all people receiving public assistance and health care workers (LEGISLATIVE)
- Need to attract younger people to provider workforce as provider workforce ages; More up-to-date training for social workers and providers (WORKFORCE)
- Justice Reinvestment (voucher) (RESOURCES)
- Vocation Centers to train and local businesses to hire (WORKFORCE)
 - Provide recovery program and completion to expunge criminal record
 - Diversion from state facility via prob cause
 - Funding to provide for recovery instead of incarceration
- Health care providers working with law enforcement to help people re-enter society (WORKFORCE)
- Assistance for people trying to transition from prison to the working world (ACCESS)
- Legislation to address job discrimination based on substance related non-violent incarceration (LEGISLATIVE)