

**Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council (SMPC)
March 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 23, 2026 Time: 1-3 PM	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams
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	Name	Organization and Role
X	Kelly Dougherty	Department of Health, Chair
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Vice Chair
	Mourning Fox	Department of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member
X	Monica Hutt	Agency of Administration, Executive Committee Member
X	Courtney O'Brien	Representing Courtney O'Brien, Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brother Big Sister, Member
	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative, Member
X	Janet Potter	Hartford Middle and High School, Member
	John Searles, Ph.D.	Department of Health (Retired), Member

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Agenda Item	Lead	Minutes
Opening Remarks, and Quorum Determination	Kelly Dougherty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum was not established
Review January 2026 Minutes	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January minutes will be voted on in May meeting
SMPC Member Process Updates and Department of Health Staffing Updates	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It took time to receive all of the responses from the SMPC members, so the Executive Committee will need additional time for review.
Review SMPC 2026 Report Goals and Performance Measures	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials • Question on if the fourth performance measure is really getting at what the SMPC is hoping to dive into. This wording may need to be explored for this next report to further refine what the SMPC is looking to discuss and monitor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would make more sense if there was a goal specific to the amount or the percentage of available funding we would want dedicated to prevention. ○ This seems to be well established for the cannabis excise tax, however, we have not explored as much for the other funding streams, so perhaps we need to explore further for those to ensure an adequate percentage is being dedicated to prevention and not only allocated to other important needs.
Review Updated Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System Data – Performance Measure Update	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials
Department of Health Prevention	Emily Trutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials • Feedback indicated that this was a helpful and powerful slide deck. • Suggestion to find a way to incorporate tobacco prevention work a bit further into the content to

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Presentation to the Legislature		ensure it shows prevention of all substances.
Legislative Update and Presentation Discussion	Monica Hutt and Amy Brewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recapped: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S. 198 ○ S. 278
Public Comment	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Shrader

Minutes approved on May 18, 2026