

# SURSAC Final Year (2026) Planning

# SURSAC's directives

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- ▶ 2022: Collaborate with HCA to establish a substance use recovery services plan that articulates the manner in which continual, rapid, and widespread access to a comprehensive continuum of care will be provided to all persons with substance use disorder ([RCW 71.24.546](#) §1)
- ▶ 2023-2026: Provide consultation to HCA regarding:
  - ▶ The annual SURS Plan progress reports ([RCW 71.24.546](#) Section 7)
  - ▶ The quarterly reports for the Recovery Navigator Program (RCW [71.24.115](#) Section 6)

RCW 71.24.546, which establishes the SURSAC and its directives, expires Dec 31, 2026

# Results from SURSAC Engagement Survey (Menti)

The following slides summarize the responses that HCA received from a Menti survey sent to SURSAC members in September 2025. (6 respondents)

# Q: How can HCA better engage SURSAC in monitoring the SURS Plan? (1 of 2)

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## Summary of responses:

- ▶ Newsletters and emails reporting on ongoing efforts
- ▶ Newsletters that include which part of the Plan the update is about/relates to
- ▶ Opportunities to provide written commentary
- ▶ Shift meeting structure to facilitate more discussion, including use of small groups
- ▶ Use a Data Dashboard to share information for upcoming meetings ahead of time (so committee members can come prepared with questions/comments)
- ▶ Quarterly meeting to discuss any outstanding (not yet implemented) elements of the SURS Plan

# Q: How can HCA better engage SURSAC in monitoring the SURS Plan? (2 of 2)

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## Summary of responses:

- ▶ Weekly updates to SURSAC members from HCA during session to bring attention to any legislation related to SURS Plan
- ▶ Email updates
- ▶ Updates at meetings
- ▶ Provide copies of any updates or amendments for SURSAC review prior to submission to Governor's office
- ▶ Receive data/tables, agendas, and guest speaker slides *prior* to meetings

# Q: Which parts of the Plan are you most interested in monitoring and discussing?

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## Summary of responses:

- ▶ Housing/housing options along the continuum of use and recovery\*\*
- ▶ Health Engagement Hubs\*
- ▶ Evidence-based diversion programs
  - ▶ Recovery Navigator Program
- ▶ Items related to SUD Treatment\*
- ▶ Initial SUD engagement
- ▶ All aspects of the Plan

# Q: How do you see SURSAC's role in monitoring implementation of parts of the Plan that are still pending?

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## Summary of responses:

- ▶ Have a session that describes which parts are fully funded vs. partially funded vs. not funded, and possible actions the committee could take
- ▶ If the items are not going to be funded/implemented, I don't see the relevance of monitoring them
- ▶ For those that remain a priority, submit a legislative agenda to HCA through SURSAC for legislative action/support
- ▶ Inform the committee if the legislature chooses to take action on pending items
- ▶ Advocate for full implementation. Draw connections for people who say "the plan isn't working" and remind them it is not fully implemented
- ▶ We should be reminded of plan aspects that were not implemented, especially for the benefit of new members.

# Q: Is there anything else you want the SURSAC admin team to know?

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## Summary of responses:

- ▶ A lot of good has come from this committee. We need to realize change is slow.
- ▶ \*New committee members should be educated on the work the SURSAC has already done, especially around diversion and other priorities
- ▶ The Recovery Navigator Program works
- ▶ We should be developing policy responses based on evidence, ethics, and resources and spending our efforts on high impact topics

# 2026 Agenda Priorities

# Ideas for Collaboration & Engagement

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- ▶ Cameras on during meetings for SURSAC members
- ▶ Send delegates if unable to attend
- ▶ Committee members sending questions for presenters
- ▶ Sending presentation slides to committee members at least one week before meeting
- ▶ Sharing agenda planning document via Share Point for committee input

# What topics do you want SURSAC to address in 2026? (Final year)

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## Could include but are not limited to:

- ▶ **Collaboration with Joint Legislative and Executive Committee on Behavioral Health**
- ▶ Collaboration with Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)
- ▶ **Contingency Management**
- ▶ Presentation on LEAD & RNP Efficacy Report (WSIPP)
- ▶ Presentation on Proviso 87 Report (RDA)
- ▶ **Finding more ways to serve rural areas/Eastern WA**
- ▶ **Learning what other states are doing differently than “west coast model”**
- ▶ EMS Initiated Buprenorphine (Seattle Fire Dept)
- ▶ **6109 Implementation**
- ▶ WA Thriving Strategic Plan Overview
- ▶ Insights from Washington Recovery Alliance’s Community Listening Session
- ▶ Outcomes from 2025 Syringe Service Program Survey (ADAI)
- ▶ Update for Re-entry Waiver
- ▶ Updates from DOH
- ▶ **Quarterly statistics updates on opioid mortality in WA state**
- ▶ Emerging issues in drug markets (e.g., Kratom and 7-OH)
- ▶ Simple Possession Advocacy and Representation (SPAR) program



Send additional  
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