

Secondary Prevention Subcommittee Meeting
Washington State Domestic Extremism and Mass Violence Task Force
August 20, 2025

Attendees: Mark, Morgan, Stacey, Sarah, Jay, Adrianna

Not in Attendance: William, Amber

Staff: Manveer, Sahba

SME: Cynthia

- The meeting began with AGO staff welcoming the group and doing a round of quick introductions. AGO staff reminded the subcommittee that the goal of the Task Force's final report is to provide a community-based, public health framework for addressing and preventing domestic extremism and mass violence in Washington State.
- AGO staff went over the goal of the subcommittee work: to develop potential recommendations for that public health framework for the full Task Force to discuss, finalize, and vote on next year for the final report. Each subcommittee will focus on developing recommendations within their level of prevention.
- AGO staff and SME went over what secondary prevention is, highlighting where it falls within a public health framework. SME and AGO staff reminded the subcommittee of the parameters that recommendations need to fall within, pointing to the specific proviso language prohibiting the Task Force from creating recommendations that would alter any aspect of criminal law, create new criminal penalties, or increase criminal law enforcement. SME highlighted that the United States' traditional strengths, programs, and infrastructure related to combatting extremism and mass violence exist within the secondary prevention level, and recommendations coming out of the secondary prevention subcommittee might want to consider thinking about the gaps within secondary prevention that recommendations could bridge, such as additional training, education, etc.
- The subcommittee asked if staff had any kind of overview of what secondary prevention interventions exist, to which staff responded that they would check & develop one if needed to help the subcommittee understand the current landscape of interventions and make it easier to identify gaps for recommendations.
- A question was asked whether the subcommittee could invite experts to the group for presentations and discussions, to which staff affirmed that this could be done and can be part of the meeting structure as the subcommittee gets off the ground.
- The subcommittee discussed a bit about how secondary interventions could interact with communities who are not always in public spaces and can be harder to reach, specifically youth who might be enrolled in non-traditional educational systems, and who in those spaces would be audiences for training and education on how to recognize signs of radicalization or mobilization to violence to intervene before it's too late. The

group also discussed the importance of being mindful when looking at statistics and recognizing that sometimes numbers may not be accurate due to a number of different variables, highlighting the importance of talking to people in addition to looking at statistics to learn more about problems and think about solutions.

- The subcommittee finished up with a discussion about subcommittee logistics, starting with meeting structure. The group decided that the first couple of meetings would be discussions around themes or topics within secondary prevention that staff identifies for the group and think about what kind of guest speakers they'd like to invite to subcommittee meetings to have conversations about what they've learned in their first couple of meetings. The subcommittee decided to meet at a lesser frequency for a longer period of time, settling on meeting in the halfway point between task force meetings.