OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

1–2 pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller (Chair) welcomed the council and public to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council meeting. New members were welcomed, and roll call of council members was taken.

II. New Chair

- Lauren Levy was nominated and elected as the new chair of the council.

III. MOOR Updates

- Advocacy Day: February 10th in Annapolis
- Best Practice Conference March 31st
- FY27 MOOR Competitive Grant Program NOFA

IV. FY25 Report review

ORF Funding Stream	**Total Received** (Through End of FY25)	**Total Expended** (Through End of FY25)	**Total Allocated for Future Spending**
TAG	$97,015,609.83	$12,519,234.61	N/A
State Allocation	$57,284,391.70	$14,418,335.56	$34,507,990.00
State Discretionary Abatement	$37,960,873.19	$1,331,260	$22,239,785.00
Local Direct	$53,580,085.23	$5,893,230.67	N/A
TOTAL	**$245,840,959.95**	**$34,162,060.84**	**$56,747,775.00**

V. Balance Updates

- Amounts received in the ORF in FY26 so far: $31,182,314.11
    - Mallinckrodt Y1 $ 2,200,943.11
    - Teva 2025 $4,267,378.74
    - Allergan 2025 $4,043,419.57
    - Kroger 1&2 $1,772,947,38
    - Distributors 2025 $11,718,195.52
    - Walmart 2025 $530,680.97
    - Endo (one-time payment) $6,648,748.82

VI. Council Discussion

- Marcus D. Webster II inquired about pertinent legislation and the timeline for the public data dashboard.
- Dr. Malik Burnett suggested that the council request a presentation from the Behavioral Health Administration to provide an overview of Maryland's treatment regulatory apparatus, which Emily Keller agreed to pursue.

VII. Public Comment

- Laura Mitchell asked if lockbox restrictions have been considered for the ORF to prevent funds from being used other than intended, noting past instances where funds were used for other necessary programs. Emily Keller affirmed that state statute includes safeguards to prevent supplanting and mentioned that their office has developed productive relationships with DBM and other departments to stress the importance of utilizing the ORF for its intended purpose.

Next meeting: TBD, in person.