



MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Citizen Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2026

Attendance: Thomas Higdon, Barbara Allen, Jacqueline Salb, Yngvild Olsen, Malik Burnett, Jessie Dunleavy, Megan Murnane, Jacqueline Salb, Johanna Dolan, Joe Rogers, Jim Raley, Amy Young, Ben Fraifeld, Erin Sibel Sezgin

Approval of 8/20 minutes - workgroup approved the minutes from 8/20 without changes

MORAC Review:

- Great attendance and support from workgroup members
- Discussion after the meeting was fruitful; workgroup members had the opportunity to speak with various members of state government
- Time was short to cover all topics, harm reduction did not receive as much, and it is worth getting more time in the lime light
- Thomas suggests submitting a report on a specific topic area at every subsequent MORAC meeting
- Using the report, or future reports, as an official point of reference is helpful when trying to change hearts and minds
- The group would like to share the report with MGA
 - Group is interested in having MOOR/LG champion legislative priorities from the CAW in the future
 - Members can also reach out to their legislators on this topic
 - Preference is for MOOR or LG to share with MGA en masse, and then WG members send follow up email to their own legislators
 - Interested in doing committee briefings.

Other topics:

- ORF as a topic of future discussion, sustainability is an important piece of the puzzle

- What are the sustainability and contingency plans in light of Medicaid changes looming Jan 1, via HR1?
- Meeting cadence: every 2 weeks, Monday and Thursday, schedule out asap; shorten to 60 min
- Future WG Topics:
 - Many Pathways to Recovery

Review Action Items

- Ben to follow up on distribution plan for report; committee briefings
- Erin Sibel to follow up on HR1 and Medicaid changes information, specifically about contingency planning
- Teresa/ Ben: Send out invites for future meetings
- WG Members: submit list of future discussion topics by 9/30 to Thomas and Barbara
- Barbara and Teresa to prep ORF-related presentation to CAW