



MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Citizen Advisory Workgroup**  
**March 12, 2026**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:** Barbara Allen, Yngvild Olsen, Jessie Dunleavy, Megan Murnane, Thomas Higdon, Malik Burnett, Johanna Dolan

**Approve Minutes from last meeting:** Approved

**Introduction of committees:** The workgroup discussed potentially creating subworkgroups or committees for focused discussions on particular issues.

**Discussion**

Review the compilation of issues document:

Aligned categories with the overdose strategy priority areas with a sixth "cross-cutting" category

When thinking about ORF, states should focus on infrastructure and capacity building vs. staffing and operations.

Discussion about the scope of the workgroup being to bring forth recommendations that can be addressed through interagency coordination.

Methods of setting priorities:

1. Evidence (both from the literature and from the perspective of people with lived experience) of impact on overdose (both fatal and non-fatal) and/or outcomes for people at risk for or with SUD;
2. Consideration of epidemiological factors;
3. Extent of interagency coordination needed for implementation.

The workgroup will aim to focus their recommendations to 4 or so action-oriented recommendations.

Members will share their input on the Word document by 3/19. Teresa will compile the feedback before the 3/23 meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, March 23rd at 2pm, in-person in Crownsville.