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ADVISORY COUNCIL

Citizen Advisory Workgroup
April 9, 2026

Meeting Notes

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of 3/23 minutes
 - A. No additions or corrections
 - B. Adoption of minutes
- III. Attendance: Barbara Allen, Thomas Higdon, Jessie Dunleavy, Johanna Dolan, Malik Burnett, Megan Murnane, Joe, Rogers, Yngvild Olsen, Erin Sibel Sezgin, Ben Fraifeld
- IV. Intros
 - A. Erin Sibel intro to group members she had not met previously
- V. Minutes
 - A. No additions
 - B. Approval
- VI. Applications for New Membership
 - A. Lots of applications received
 1. But not all for the regions requested
 - B. Is there an update here?
- VII. Draft CAW Priorities and assignments to various Departments on MORAC
 - A. Review by Malik; he highlighted where specific entities could come in to work on specific topics, even if they are not doing so currently
 - B. Could LG help with cross-departmental work?
 - C. Thomas said that the Agency Program Info spreadsheet complimented this very nicely
 1. Question: is this inclusive of all activities being done?
 2. Thomas also raised that it is challenging to parse through the significant number of programs (including many similarly described programs), particularly the 37/54 in MDH.
 - a) What coordination exists between these?



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- b) Yngvild suggests focusing in on certain specific topic areas, narrowing by geographic distribution as an example
- D. Jessie suggests ensuring that focus is put on aligning the state's activities on the CAW's highest priority recommendations
- E. Some agencies not represented on the list
 - 1. Nothing noted from MSDE, Thomas would like follow up
 - a) Other members noted the updated Maryland's Comprehensive Health Education Framework
 - 2. Jessie suggests education should continue to shift away from education focused solely on harms of drugs and shift more towards realities of substances, tools for how to deal with substance use, empowering students so that they do not feel afraid to turn to trusted adults.
 - 3. Megan points out that a lot of freedom exists within curriculum as long as they meet standards set, so what can supplement?
 - a) Thomas asks who develops the curriculum for each jurisdiction?
 - 4. ASO / MA not listed
- VIII. Policy Making vs Implementation
 - A. Implementation Science as a potential focus
- IX. Topics to come
 - A. Benchmarking
 - B. Prioritization of recommendations
- X. Next Meeting 4/29 10am
 - A. Who can attend if in person?
 - 1. People will (or have already) emailed Teresa
 - a) Malik, Jessie, Thomas, Barbara, Johanna, Megan can attend
 - B. Multiple group members think it would be helpful to meet prior to 4/29
 - 1. 4/20 at 130pm
- XI. Action Items
 - A. Take pieces entered into recommendations document and flesh out / clarify; Thomas suggests completing and sharing to Teresa by 4/16



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