



MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Citizen Advisory Workgroup
Minutes
May 11, 2026**

Introductions and Welcome New Members

Six new members were introduced, representing Western MD, Southern MD and the Eastern Shore.

Approval of Notes from April 29th Meeting - approved

Work Group Process

The chairs reviewed the process for sharing priorities and drafting recommendations for the Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council with new members.

Criminal Legal System Discussion

Participants discussed decriminalization, expungement, expanding medication-assisted treatment access in correctional facilities, and education for law enforcement. A decision was made to draft a high-level recommendation covering these criminal justice priorities.

Old Business

- PHP w/ a Pillow - Confirm that Joe will write a formal recommendation for the group to vote on at an upcoming meeting - *Confirmed*
- Quality/Ombudsman - Confirm that Thomas will write a formal recommendation for the group to vote on at an upcoming meeting - *Confirmed*

- MDRN - Has Dr Talley responded to Teresa's request for information? - *BHA reported that at this time they are not anticipating a funding shortfall in FY26.*

New Action Items

- Thomas and Jessie will draft a high-level recommendation regarding the criminal legal issues discussed today.

Next Meeting

- Date: Thursday, May 28th, 3-4 pm (online)
- Topic: Data, facilitated by Johanna Dolan

Adjourn