



MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Citizen Advisory Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026**

Welcome

Administrative Items

- Approval of Notes from May 11th Meeting - *approved*
- Reminder that agendas, minutes, and other workgroup documents are now in the shared folder

Reminder of [Compilation of Priorities](#)

- Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment
 - MOUD
- Recovery
- **Criminal/Legal System**
- Cross-cutting themes
 - **Data**
 - Housing
 - Peer Support
 - Marginalized Communities
 - **Quality**

Discussion

- Topic #1 - Format of CAW Report
 - Facilitator: Thomas Higdon & Barbara Allen

- The workgroup will aim to provide a substantial update at the July MORAC meeting and submit a final report one week before the September MORAC meeting.
- Topic #2 - : [Improve Outcomes for PWUD who Encounter the Criminal Legal System](#)
 - Facilitator: Jessie Dunleavy & Thomas Higdon
 - Jessie walked the workgroup through the document she created (linked above).
 - Johanna: Can we add to the recommendations:
 - Continue the MOUD in carceral settings and targeted outreach.
 - Comprehensive Case Management: Increase capacity for more robust case management services to support individuals in navigating multiple state and local agencies for their social determinants of health needs, legal issues, and transportation, allowing them more time to focus on their recovery.

Review Action Items

- Thomas will follow-up with Joe re: status of PHP with a pillow recommendation proposal.
- Thomas will create a schedule to outline which topics will be covered in each meeting.
- Thomas will create a sign up sheet for members to volunteer to draft one-pagers on specific topics using his template.
- Teresa will change meetings to 1.5 hours.
- Teresa will schedule meetings through August.

Next Meetings & Topics

- June 8 - Topic: Data - facilitated by Johanna Dolan
- June 25 - Review update for July MORAC meeting

Adjourn