



OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

4:30–5:30 pm

In-person

I. Welcome & Introductions

Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller (Chair) welcomed the council and public to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council meeting. New members were welcomed, and roll call of council members was taken.

In attendance: Deputy Secretary Dr. Rachel Talley, Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller, Marcus Webster, Rachel Pederson, Dr. Malik Burnett, Lauren Levy, Angel Traynor, and Karen Valentine.

II. Updates from MOOR

The ORF Dashboard should launch in May. Brief review of Special Secretary Keller's Recommendations for Local Spending and 2025 Update to Overdose Response Strategy.

III. Regulatory Oversight for SUD Services: Presentation from BHA

Presentation from the Behavioral Health Administration on COMAR changes and regulatory oversight of substance use treatment providers.

IV. Legislative Updates

HB 838/SB 562: State Board of Pharmacy - Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements - Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders. Authorizes pharmacists to enter into agreements which allow them to use buprenorphine to treat OUD in the pharmacy setting

HB222: Educational Institutions - Opioid Overdose-Reversing Medications - Policy Requirements (Naloxone Access Act). Authorizes high school students to carry naloxone. Provides immunity from liability for those acting in good faith to respond to an overdose with naloxone

V. Council Discussion led by Chair

Dr. Malik Burnett asked BHA if there is a map of levels of care in the state. BHA shared a bed registry that is in development to comply with state statute. They also shared that the COMAR updates allow for civil penalty for facilities in violation.

Avery Meyer from MOOR to send a survey to council members to solicit ideas for future presentations at council meetings.

VI. Public Comment

No members of the public had comments to share.

Next meeting: In July, Doodle Poll to be sent out