

# Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR)

Opioid Operational Command Center is now **Maryland's Office of Overdose Response!** Governor Wes Moore issued an updated [Executive Order](#) outlining our updated mission and responsibilities, which now include an increase in focus to address the overdose crisis more broadly.

# Senior Opioid Group (OIT)

Previously established under  
Governor Hogan's Executive order

**Meets quarterly to discuss data trends, community needs, and opportunities for collaboration to address overdoses and overdose deaths. This team includes representatives from the Health Department, hospital, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney, Fire/EMS, Public Safety, local and state officials, social service agencies, and other partners.**

# OIT → OPT

## Changes with Executive Order

[EXECUTIVE ORDER - Maryland Governor's Office](#)

PREVENTION • HARM REDUCTION



TREATMENT • RECOVERY • PUBLIC SAFETY



## Senior Opioid Policy Group (OIT)

The Senior Opioid Policy group merged with another mandated group, the Carroll County Behavioral Health Advisory Council. This merger was approved by the Board of County Commissioners as well as the State OOC. The purpose of the Carroll County Behavioral Health Advisory Council (CCBHAC) according to the Health General Article, sections 10-308 through 10-312, and sections 8-1001 et seq Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be to serve as an advocate for a comprehensive behavioral health system for persons of all ages and to meet the identified needs of the general public and the criminal justice system for alcohol and drug evaluation, prevention and treatment services.

We in Carroll County this group is called the Senior Opioid Policy Meeting (SOP) and our Carroll County Behavioral Health Advisory Council (CCBHAC).

# Executive Order 01.01.2023.21

## Highlights

- **Name change!**  
<https://www.marylandmatters.org/2023/12/15/moore-issues-executive-order-to-broaden-state-efforts-to-combat-drug-overdoses/>
- **Maryland Office of Overdose Response**
  - Reflects change in focus from opioids specifically to overdose more broadly
- **The office is within MDH and reporting to Secretary Herrera Scott**
- **Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council:**
  - Taking place of the Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council
  - Chaired by Lt. Gov. Miller and will include participation from 18 state government agencies
- **5 priority pillars: Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction and Public Safety**
- **New url: [stopoverdose.maryland.gov](https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov)**

## **Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Membership**

**shall include, but is not limited to, individuals with experience in:**

- (a) Health;**
- (b) Social services;**
- (c) Education;**
- (d) Public safety agencies, including law enforcement, fire service, and emergency services;**
- (e) Harm reduction programs;**
- (f) Recovery support programs;**
- (g) Substance use treatment; and**
- (h) Community and faith-based organizations.**

# OPT Expectations

- **Chaired by representative from health department**
  - **Co-chaired by representative from community organization or local government agency (EM no longer required)**
- **Block grant applications MUST be discussed with the OPT at large to solicit feedback**
  - **OPT chairs should send out an email to all OPT members notifying them during which meeting the block grant will be discussed**
- **Must comply with the open meetings act**
- **Agenda must be published publicly 24 hours prior to meeting, and recordings OR notes must also be published after the meeting**
- **If a jurisdiction wishes to combine their OPT meeting with any meeting other than an LDAAC, they must first discuss this with MOOR**
- **OPTs should work to implement action items from the jurisdiction Local Fatality Review.**
- **If meeting in person, OPTs must have hybrid option for attendance**