

VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY

GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

September 1, 2026

Time: 3:00pm

Virtual

1.	Call to Order, Establish Quorum, and Recognition of Guests	Delegate Briana Sewell, Acting Chair
Delegate Briana Sewell called the all-virtual meeting to order and stated that she was serving as acting chair until newly appointed board members are onboarded and appointments are made to fill the open Grants Committee seat. Committee members identified as attending were Delegate Briana Sewell, Ms. Ingrid Barber, and Sherrif Joe Baron. The acting chair announced that a quorum was present. The committee chair was unable to join at the start of the meeting. New OAA board members Dr. Britz and Jason Alley were recognized.		
2.	Approval of June 15, 2026, Minutes	Delegate Briana Sewell, Acting Chair
A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 15, 2026, minutes as posted on the Commonwealth Calendar website. The motion carried without opposition.		
3.	Update from the Director of Operations	Cecil “Charlie” Lintecum, Director of Operations
Grant operations. All award packages approved on June 15 had been completed and distributed. As of the morning of the meeting, 49% of FY2027 award packages were signed, 42% of pre-transmittal contingencies were complete, and 31% had funds transmitted or all required actions completed. City and county FY2026 annual reports and direct distribution reports are due October 1 at 11:59 p.m. State-agency 2025 and 2026 MOUs were complete and funds had been transferred. State-agency 2025-2026 annual reports are due November 1 in the portal. Upcoming meetings. An in-person Grants Committee meeting and Board meeting were announced for September 25 at the Horizon Wellness Center at Langhorne in Lynchburg. The Grants Committee and Board meeting previously scheduled for November 19 was revised to December 4, with December 3 also mentioned as an option requiring follow-up. A January 19 meeting was identified for the General Assembly Building in Richmond. Proposal cycle. The proposal period opened March 20 and closed June 8. Staff reported 51 project proposals, consisting of 32 renewals and 19 new projects, from 18 agencies. The Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center was identified as a first-time submitter. Funding plan. Staff recommended approximately \$12.3 million in new funding for the 2026-2027 performance period and authorization to carry forward approximately \$3.1 million, for approximately \$15.4 million available for project operations. Staff stated that the recommendations covered 39 projects, including 32 renewals and seven new projects, across 18 agencies. Application review. Mr. Lintecum presented staff recommendations agency by agency. Recommended projects included renewals and selected new projects. Projects not recommended were generally described as outside OAA state-agency funding requirements or not recommended due to budgetary constraints and agency priority rankings. The presentation included projects from DBHDS, the Departments of Corrections, Education, Health, Health Professions, Medical Assistance Services, and Social Services; George Mason University; the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court; Radford University; Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center; University of Mary Washington; University of Virginia; Virginia Indigent Defense Commission; Virginia Commonwealth University; Virginia Tech; Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth; and Virginia State University. Committee discussion. A committee member asked whether both the Virginia Department of Health naloxone distribution program infrastructure project and naloxone purchase project were recommended. Staff confirmed both recommendations and explained that naloxone purchase funding would serve as a backstop after other non-OAA funding sources were spent or encumbered.		
4.	Public Comment	Delegate Briana Sewell, Acting Chair
The acting chair opened the public comment period and requested that comments be limited to three minutes. Staff reported that no speakers were in the queue.		

5.	New Business	Delegate Briana Sewell, Acting Chair
The committee considered the block of state-agency renewal, amendment, and new-project awards for the 2026-2027 performance period, as listed in Attachment A and recommended by staff. A motion was made and seconded to approve the block of awards consistent with staff recommendations. The motion carried without opposition. No additional new business, motions, or committee-member comments were offered.		
6.	Adjourn	Delegate Briana Sewell, Acting Chair
A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried without opposition.		