



Meeting Minutes January 3, 2024

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, LAA Director

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - During the last meeting some time was spent talking about the Opioid settlement funds and how to distribute them. Once we have all the components in place, we can start working on the plan. We will need to adopt formal bylaws for how the committee operates. Jennifer will look for the existing bylaws.

Carla Thorpe - AF Whitsitt Center - The meeting with Shore Regionals Emergency Department went very well, having a good understanding of what they can do and them having an idea of where our limitations are and the services that we can provide. We look forward to a great partnership and to be able to get individuals into treatment quickly from the emergency department. We will be setting up a couple of dates to meet with the LAA and EMS staff to bring those two entities in with us.

Kent County's State Attorney's Office/Recidivism Reduction Program

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Kathryn Dilley - MSBH - Our 2024 resource guide will be coming out in the next week or two. We will be submitting the FY25 plan at the end of the month, a joint effort with MSBH and all 5 of the health departments. A planned presentation will be on February 1st, from 4-6pm. Invitation will be sent to Jennifer to forward to the group, we will offer it in person at MSBH in Easton and an online version. DEI Conference, "Beyond Diversity" will be held on February 29th at Minary's Dream Alliance, eventbrite link will be sent to Jennifer to share with the group.

Preparing to organize our Eastern Shore Behavioral Health Coalition, a group of interested community members, providers, and consumers that will gather to organize priorities around Behavioral Health on the shore and to inform our Eastern Shore delegation of issues and trends and to solicit their support. Presentation to the delegation on 2/23.

Avery Meyer - MOOR - On December 15th Governor Moore signed a new executive order changing the office name from the Opioid Operational Command Center(OOCC) to Maryland Office of Overdose Response(MOOR). Focus changed from opioid specific to overdoses in general. OIT's will now be called OPT's, so instead of opioid intervention teams, it will be changed to Overdose Prevention Teams(OPT's).

We now have five pillars instead of three; prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction and public safety. For more information visit the website. A one pager was sent out with highlights.

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel -MDH- Care Coordination - Overdoses for the month of December, 3 suspected and 1 fatal. Year to date 52 suspected and 4 fatal. 8 people were enrolled in Care Coordination. 4 submitted apps to MDR for funding.

Brett C. Forrest - MDH - RIM/OIT/NHIH - The No Harm In Helping van continues outreach efforts offering some Narcan training, hygiene kits, safe sex kits, and wound care kits to the public. The weather was a little rough, but we were able to sit in the van and talk with people. Approximately 20 people attended the Gratitude Breakfast that was held at RIM.

New at RIM, Monday, January 8 from 3-4pm and every following Monday, Healthy Habits Group. Tuesdays, we will have a midday matinee. Enjoy a movie, coffee, popcorn and other snacks will be available.

If anyone is interested or you know of anyone interested in any of our services or Narcan training, please give us a call.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Law Enforcement - We're happy and excited to announce that we have a new Officer that has just graduated from the police academy, Brian Thompson. There are two new officers in recruit training.

Christinia Russell - DHS - START has been approved to serve ages 0 to 18. As of the first of the year, we are able to service all families through our START modality. Meaning, any family that comes through our normal referral process when there are substance use concerns. START attempts early detection of a parent that needs treatment/assessment. Jen is our contact person to get assessments and linkages to treatment services.

Annette Duckery - Prevention - 3 events in December. Partnered with schools, one local church, and parks and recreation. We had 350 participants, and gave out about a thousand educational material packets during those events.

Next meeting date: February 7th , 2024 @7:30am via teleconference platform.

REMINDER: *If there is anyone from your agency that you would like to add or delete from the LDAAC meeting list, please reach out to Desiree Rochester at desirees.rochester@maryland.gov.*

Thank you!