



**Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024**

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, LAA Director

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Continuing to formalize the operation of the LDAAC committee. Talking with the county about the process of getting these meetings published in an open forum.

Carla Thorpe - AF Whitsitt Center - February saw an increase in census and utilization for crisis beds.

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Kathryn Dilley - MSBH - The Inaugural Beyond Inclusion Conference was a success. Thanks to everyone who attended. The Eastern Shore Behavioral Coalition presented to the Eastern Shore Delegation on February 23rd, reach out if you would like to be involved or part of that group.

BHA released the formal request for interest in Soar IV. It is a grant resource for the AF Whitsitt Center crisis beds and also supports our safe station initiatives, and other projects as well as our harm reduction activities.

MDH and BHA with leadership at KCHD put in a formal request for expansion of services in the old Carter Center space, for the development of crisis beds for our youth population. We are looking at an 8 bed unit that would serve both young men and women ages 10 to 17 for a crisis level stabilization service.

Across the Lifespan Conference, "Building A Trauma Informed Community", will be coming up on April 19th, 2024.

Lisa Short - Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Mid-Shore Prevention Coalition will meet on March 26th at MSBH, hybrid option available.

Brett C. Forest - MDH -RIM/OIT/NHIIH OD Stats: October 2021 to October 2022, 5 overdoses and October 2022 to October 2023, 3 overdoses

New group, Music in Motion, will be from 3 to 4 pm on Thursdays. Friday, March 15th at 2pm in partnership with the Judy Center, Narcan Training will be offered at the RIM Center and virtually. RIM will have a table on March 23rd at the Resource Fair at the High School from 9-12 and on March 30th we will be at Minary's Dream for the Second Annual Help Symposium. On call Peer Services are available after hours by calling 410-490-4715.

Vandrick Hamlin - Schools/Education - Working with KCHD on a tobacco and vape grant, to install two vape detectors in the front bathrooms at the high school and educational materials on tobacco and vape.

Christina Russell - DHS - START - 2 referrals for the month of February and 1 new case.

Rosemary Ramsey Granillo - Local Management Board - A new Care Team Coordinator has been hired. The Mental Health Resource Fair for middle and high schoolers, will be on May 2nd from 9am to 2pm at Kent County High School. Vendor registrations will be sent out. 100 computers are available if anyone needs one.

Annette Duckery -MDH- Prevention - 500 educational materials were given out over 3 events. Challenge Days at the Middle and High School will be April 18th and 19th, volunteers are needed. Please reach out if interested.

Avery Meyer - MOOR - Town Hall Series has been completed statewide. 155 applications were received for the Competitive Grant program, with 35 million in request and 6 million to distribute.

Next meeting date: May 1, 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!