



## Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023

### **Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, LAA Director**

**William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD** - Thank you to everyone who attended the OOCC Town Hall Meeting. Great turnout.

**Carla M. Thorpe, Director - A.F Whitsitt** - As of 11/13, walk-in mornings will be Monday through Friday from 8-11:30am. In addition, starting 11/16, we will be adding evening walkin hours on Tues and Thurs nights from 5:30-9pm.

**Pete Landon, Director Kent County OES - National Opioid Settlement Fund Liaison** Kent County has received direct local funding that's mounted to a little under a hundred thousand dollars to date and it will reach an estimated \$366,000. There is also an abatement in the form of grants that have been set aside for Kent County, that's estimated to be about \$659,000. We will have to come up with a targeted opioid abatement plan. We can use the framework from the last plan. LDAAC will be the proper group to work on this plan.

### **Rosi Greenberg, Artist, Author/Illustrator and Leadership Development Trainer**

[www.drawntolead.org](http://www.drawntolead.org) for leadership workshops and visual facilitation

[www.lovethatmess.com](http://www.lovethatmess.com) for "Everyone Has a Sam" book and events

**Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health** - Introduced, Trish Todd, Data and Quality Monitoring Coordinator for MSBH. MSBH is working on their FY25 annual planning and will be presenting that content to this group. We will work collaboratively with all five health departments to get approval and endorsement of the contents, plan is due January 5, 2024. The application for the Hub Pilot Model has officially been released. MSBH has been working with LMBS and schools.

**Avery Meyer - OOCC** - ORF Announcement - The Advisory Council has approved recommendations, once the Secretary of Health approves them they will move on to the Governor for final approval. Those recommendations are subject to state discretionary funds. The targeted abatement grant, NOFA, has been finalized. The grants team is working on contacting the local government contacts.

**Jennifer A. McCready - Kent County OD Stats** - In 2022, 59 suspected overdoses compared to January to May 2023, a total of 21 suspected overdoses. 2022 there were a total of 4 fatal overdoses compared to 1 fatal overdose, January to May 2023.

**RIM, NHIH, OIT** - Approximately 30 community families and individuals participated in the Pumpkin Carving Party. Families from the Kent Family Center that attended requested Narcan training during the party. Special thanks to Lockbriar Farms and Acme for the pumpkin donations.

Upcoming we will be joining the Maryland Food Bank, Shop the Truck on 11/2 in Galena and 11/20 in Kent. On November 21st we will be having a little Turkey Talk, food, fun and fellowship from 4-6pm, all are WELCOME.

**Ronald Dixon - Law Enforcement - Chestertown Police Department** - The police department is now the home of the Choptank Community Mobile Health Unit. The Unit is out and about in Kent County providing medical, dental, and mental health needs to our community.

**Christina Russell - KCDSS START (Sobriety Treatment And Recovery Teams)** - Trunk or Treat was held at Social Services and had a great turnout. Representatives from the Chestertown Police Department and the RIM Center were in attendance. It was nice to have such a large turnout.

**Annette Duckery - MDH - Prevention** - The Middle and High schools participated in the Red Ribbon and Prevention Week. She was able to reach approximately 600 people, and distributed over 1,500 pieces of awareness materials and also participated in 4 events. The new Prevention budget has been approved and all contracts signed. There was also training in Four Tips, with 64 participants.

**Erin U. Clark - MDH** - Kent County Health Department Outpatient Mental Health is hiring Social Workers and Therapists to join our team. A licensed clinical social worker or licensed nurse level social worker.

**Next meeting date: December 6, 2023 @ 7:30am via teleconference platform.**

***REMINDER:*** *If there is anyone from your agency that you would like added or deleted from the LDAAC meeting list please reach out to Desiree Rochester at [desirees.rochester@maryland.gov](mailto:desirees.rochester@maryland.gov) Thank you!*