



Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, LAA Director

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Thanks everybody for a successful Going Purple Awareness Event. Every opportunity that we can have to raise awareness, reduce stigma and help those who may need help is always a worthwhile endeavor.

October 24th, from 6:30 to 7:30pm, Emily Keller, Special Secretary OOCC will be hosting a Town Hall Mtg. in Kent County to hear from citizens and agencies that want to voice their concerns and opinion about addiction and overdoses.

Carla M. Thorpe, Director - A.F Whitsitt - Flyers regarding increased walk-in hours have been sent out. We will also be adding walk-in evenings in the upcoming. We are excited to increase the hours of access.

We are also doing a marketing promotion to make sure everybody is aware of the crisis beds for those who have opiate use and/or stimulant use disorders.

Jeffrey Johnston, Founder and CEO Brightn App - From Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 319-899-3400, jeff@brightnapp.com, <http://www.brightnapp.com> <http://www.livinguneterred.com> Founder of a mental health app for ages 14-26. The app is FREE.

Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - We are still working to support our provider community with the opportunity through the Consortium on Coordinated Community support which is funding RFP for expansion of mental health and substance use services in our public schools and community. A grant is still open in the state that closes at noon on October 11th.

Registration is open for the 10th Annual Sequential Intercept Map and Model on November 13th.

Ashley Strazza - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - One of the goals we have for the Harm Reduction program at MSBH is to fill gaps and work with other people in the community to reach out for narcan training.

Avery Meyer - OOCC - Town Hall in Kent County on 10/24 at 6:30pm. Looking forward to going to all the counties and incorporating all of the feedback into our strategic plan.

Jennifer A. McCready - Kent County OD Stats - May 2021 to May 2022, 74 suspected overdoses compared to May 2022-May 2023 of 58 suspected overdoses.

May 2021-May 2022 there were 10 fatal overdoses compared to 2 for May 2022-May 2023 resulting in a 80% drop.

RIM OIT - Thanks to everyone who donated to our Two Sheets for Recovery. We collected linens for those individuals moving to recovery houses.

No Harm In Helping Van continues Community Outreach on Mondays. We are also partnering with different businesses and not just going into parking lots. Hygiene, safe sex kits, and wound care kits are available for the community. We have been very welcomed in the community.

RIM is hosting a family friendly event, Pumpkin Carving will be held on Thursday, October 26th, 4-6pm. All are welcome.

Vandrick Hamlin - KCPS - We will also be attending the Town Hall and are trying to get a group of students to attend as well.

Christina Russell - KCDSS START (Sobriety Treatment And Recovery Teams) - Looking to expand in Kent County. Current age range is 0 to 5. Kent County looks to be a pilot program for 0-18 year olds for home services. More info upcoming. There will be a statewide START meeting at Chesapeake College on the 18th of October.

Niara Wilson - Kent County Local Management Board - Has distributed the first 500 laptops from the Connected Devices. We have been approved for 300 additional laptops. We encourage residents to apply and we will contact them once the shipment is in.

Annette Duckery - MDH - Partnering this month with the schools to implement Prevention Week, will be in Middle and High Schools for Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/27.

Saturday, November 4th, partnering with Parks and Rec for Fall Fest at Lockbriar Farm. If anyone is interested in having a resource table please let me know.

Next meeting date: November 1, 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 via email at desirees.rochester@maryland.gov Thank you!*