



Meeting Minutes

December 4th, 2024

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, Director of Community Addictions Services

Motion was made to approve the November 6th, 2024 minutes. All approved.

If anyone has any corrections/updates to the December minutes please reach out to Desiree Rochester.

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Focus today will be on the Opioid Restitution Grant Fund.

Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center - New initiative at the Whitsitt Center “Transportation to Treatment”. 8 individuals have utilized transportation to treatment, thus far. RIM has been helping to support this effort.

Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- Katie announced that Kate Dulin, CPRS, RPS has joined MSBH as Behavioral Health Coordinator Harm Reduction Lead. The team at MSBH is very excited to have Kate on board!
- SORIV Awards: A reminder to the group of the importance of referring to the SORIV Crisis Beds as they have moved into a fee for service reimbursement model. MSBH is working to finalize contracts with all SORIV recipients.
- A.F. Whitsitt: MSBH and the leadership team at the KCHD have been working to collaborate on a possible pilot model for diversion from detention with the utilization of A.F. Whitsitt Center beds. This will be a pilot with Kent and Queen Anne’s counties. This is in the formative and planning phase. Any updates will be brought to the LDAAC.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT): MSBH is collaborating to host two regional stakeholder meetings to discuss the AOT implementation planning and possible endorsement for a regional model to include Cecil, mid-shore, and Wicomico counties. The meetings are planned for 12/5 at 9:00am and 12/18 at 2:00pm. All interested parties are welcome!

Avery Meyer - MOOR(Maryland Office of Overdose Response)

- [ORF Advisory Council 2024 recommendations](#)
- ORF State Discretionary awards sent out Tuesday before Thanksgiving. 28 projects, \$14 million. Summaries of awarded projects to come
- [New Benefits Screening Tool from MDH](#). Helps people screen to see if they have eligibility for Food Assistance, Cash Assistance, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program, Medical Assistance and Energy Bill Support
- New [cannabis dashboard](#) through MDH

Pete Landon - Kent County OES - 0 EMS associated fatal overdoses in November, 2024. 2 Non Fatal Overdoses

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR) 7 enrolled in State Care Coordination, 4 went to recovery houses. Completed 4 MDRN applications. The next OFR meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2025. For more information contact: melanied.jones-dalziel@maryland.gov

Brett C. Forest - MDH - RIM/OPT/NHIH - Community Breakfast, Saturday, December 14th, 10am to 12pm at the Rim Center, 300 Scheeler Road, Chestertown (a free event). 80 boxes of Narcan were given out in the

community. December 9th, Outreach will be at Kent County DSS from 1pm to 4pm. On December 16th, Outreach will be at the Kent County Rec Center, in Worton from 1pm - 4pm.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Law Enforcement - 1 new officer in CIT training. 341 pounds have been collected in Drop boxes.

Christina Russell - DHS - START - Currently there are still 5 START cases. START is still in the progress of being a START Certified site.

Annette Duckery - MDH - Prevention - Fallfest at Lockbriars had approximately 300 attendees. Letter of intent submitted for the Marijuana Grant. "Don't Share Leftovers" campaign to promote 3 medication dropboxes. Red Ribbon Week was held at the KCMS with help from RIM. December 13th, Santa's Workshop with Parks and Rec at the Rec Center. December 20th, Math & Magic at Kent County Middle School.

Record of Attendance

William Webb, Brett Forrest, Melanie Dalziel, Kate Dulin, Chloe Campbell, Ron Dixon, Brian Persall, Dennis Hickman, Pete Landon, Annette Duckery, Latonya Cotton-Tilghman, Lauren Searce, Katie Dilley, Brigitte Kealy, Doncella Wilson, Carla Thorpe, Jennifer McCready, Desiree Rochester

Next meeting date: January 8th, 2025 Virtual

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!