



## Meeting Minutes June 5th, 2024

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

**William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD** - May 1st, 2024 minutes were approved as submitted. Nominations were submitted to the Kent County Commissioners for LDAAC statutory appointments. Bylaws need to be approved by individuals and then by group for grant submissions and applications for the Opioid Restitution funds. We are excited about making sure that addiction and abuse are minimized in our community.

**Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center** - Kent County residents are the highest county for admissions at the Whitsitt Center, 22-23%. Overall individuals admitted by age ranges, 30-39, 40's, 50's, 20's and then 60's. The top diagnosis for admission is cocaine, followed by opioids and then alcohol. Walk-ins are Monday through Friday. Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. To schedule admission, please call 410-778-6404 and Press 1.

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**Kathryn Dilley - MSBH** - Application has been submitted to the Behavioral Health Administration for the State Opioid Response Grant. Resources that grant will cover, AF Whitsitt Center, Adolescent Clubhouse through Minary's Dream Alliance, Safe Station Initiatives, and Recovery Houses in Kent County

**Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination** OD Stats - 4 suspected, OFR (Overdose Fatality Review) meeting, July 11th, 8:00 am at the RIM Center.

**Brett C. Forest - MDH -RIM/OIT/NHIH** - 120 doses of Narcan were distributed to the community. Volunteered for Field Day at Garnett Elementary School. Mooday's Music on Dixon Drive, will be having their grand opening on June 8th from 9-12. Music and Motion group on Thursdays, 3-4pm. BackYard Bash is Saturday, June 22nd from 11am-3pm on the lawn next to RIM entrance.

**Sheriff Dennis Hickman/Chief Ronald Dixon** - Zylazine has been present in the community, and has shown up in the form of compressed pills.

**Vandrick Hamlin - Schools/Education** - 142 students graduated from Kent County High School on May 31st. Kent County Counseling Department did a Maryland Business Roundtable for Education for the sophomores, juniors and their families. Fifth graders visited Kent County Middle school in preparation for their move up. June 11th will be promotion day for eighth graders at the middle school. Last day for school is June 13th.

**Christina Russell - DHS - START** - 100 safe sleep stacks information in English and Spanish, were handed out at the Community Baby Shower.

**Rosemary Ramsey Granillo - Kent County LMB** - The Enough Act was passed, it comes with 15 million dollars to do anti-child poverty partnerships, currently in the community needs and assessment phase. KNOCK,(kids and neighbors organizing for change in Kent) will be hiring five canvassers to knock on 2000 households, asking folks what makes Chestertown the best place to be a kid or what would help make Chestertown the best place to be a kid. Press release forthcoming. Laptop distribution has ended. Approximately 190 computers were distributed.

Social Action for Racial Justice is hosting "Undoing Racism Training". KCLMB has been assisting with registration and logistics. Please see link for registration and more details:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6thgtF4tr02SVSAobKzv7110356eEQIBhbDGIUwy\\_DBU\\_Nlg4TUcwRIJRTkVHVUZaNk1QVVY4REVVSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6thgtF4tr02SVSAobKzv7110356eEQIBhbDGIUwy_DBU_Nlg4TUcwRIJRTkVHVUZaNk1QVVY4REVVSS4u)

**Annette Duckery - Prevention** - For the month of May, attended 5 community events, 300 letters were sent to 11th and 12th grade families that included tips for a safe prom and a contract for parents and their children. 2200 Awareness materials were distributed in the community. June 11th, will be a Coalition meeting for OMPP at Chesapeake College,

**New News & Other Information**

**Latonya Cotton - Kenah One Health Services** - Starting July 1, IOP and PHP clients can be seen in person. Substance Abuse Counselors are needed.

**Next meeting date: July 3rd, 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](mailto:desirees.rochester@maryland.gov).*

***Thank you!***