



## Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2024

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

**William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD** - Happy Public Awareness Week, a week that we celebrate public health and public health departments.

We are continuing to work on updating our plan for the 2025 fiscal year. The plan should be updated every two years, to inventory what we are doing in the community related to opiates prevention and abatement.

**Presenter: Carla Thorpe - AF Whitsitt Center** - see attachments

**Kathryn Dilley - MSBH** - Current grants: Soar IV Grant, an application for The Maryland Office on Overdose Response, and an application for Recovery Houses in the Mid Shore Region.

Friday, April 19th, from 8am to 3pm will be our 13th Annual Across the Lifespan Conference, “Building a Trauma Informed Community”, at the Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michael’s. It’s a free event. Invitations to our Caliber Awards will be sent out to several committee members.

**Lisa Short** - Suicide Prevention Coalition Committee is active, standard meeting day is the last Tuesday of each month. Channel Marker is the host. Hybrid option is available via zoom.

**Ashley Strazza** - Gun Lock Initiative, the distribution of free gun locks to anyone in the midshore. MSBH is working with local police, law enforcement, EMS, as well as local libraries for distribution to the communities.

**MOOR - (Jennifer McCready)** Scoring committees for the Competitive Grants Program have started. The projected award decisions are 5/31.

**Pete Landon - OD Stats** - FY 2022 30 calls, FY 2023 21 calls, FY 2024 to date 4 calls

**Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH** - In March 12 people enrolled in State Care Coordination

**Brett C. Forest - MDH -RIM/OIT/NHIIH** - Month of March, 1 suspected overdose. Narcan training was done for several businesses in the area. 125 boxes of Narcan were distributed in March. Sunday, April 28th, RIM will be at Shrewsbury Church for a multicultural health screening and resource fair.

**Jennifer McCready** - 10th Annual BackYard Bash, Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, 11am to 3pm. It will have an 80’s theme.

RIM has partnered with MDA to provide a once a month group with the youth, to provide SUD education. The group will be facilitated by our RIM staff .

**Chief Ronald Dixon** - Chestertown Police Department is participating in the Gun Lock Initiative. We will also be at The National Drug Take Back Day on April 27th from 8am to 12pm at the Farmer's Market downtown Chestertown. In 2023 we collected 318 pounds of unwanted and unused drugs in our secured collection box.

A new officer has been hired, he comes from New York City with 3 years of police experience. Patrolman First Class Eric Nunez, is a fluid speaker of Spanish, as well as English. Please reach out if he can be of any assistance.

**Sheriff Dennis Hickman** - FDA approved opioid reversal drug, Nalmefene.

**Christina Russell - DHS - START** - START program is currently serving 6 families, ages 0-18. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. We are also celebrating Child Advocacy Appreciation and Sex Abuse Prevention month.

30 pinwheels will be placed at Fountain Park, each pinwheel will represent a child or individual that was served through our CAC. 12 children have been served so far this year.

A safe sleep table and safe sleep literature will be available at the Community Baby Shower in May.

**Prevention** - Approximately 300 people were in attendance at the Easter event in partnership with Parks and Recreation.

**Brandy James** - April 22-26 40 hr CIT Training for law enforcement in Kent Island; April 8th and April 29th Emergency Petition Training; April 18th and 30th Mental Health First Aid Training; May 1st Emotional Trauma & The Brain (see attached flyers for more information)

**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](mailto:desirees.rochester@maryland.gov).*

***Thank you!***