



Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2024

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

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

A motion was made to approve the September 4th, 2024 minutes. All approved.

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Special Secretary Emily Keller from the Maryland Office of Overdose Response was in Kent County at the RIM Center on September 25th, and was well received. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate.

September was Going Purple month, thanks to all who participated and helped raise awareness about the risk of overdose and opioid addiction.

Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center - SOR III crisis bed grant ended on September 29th. Notification was received that SOR IV has been approved. Recruitment efforts are underway to bring on a certified peer, direct care staff, and weekend RN's and LPN's. Job information can be found on the Maryland State website.

On Sunday, September 29th, A.F. Whitsitt Center held their Annual Alumni Event. Jennifer McCready was this year's "Friend of Recovery" award recipient. This award is in honor of Dr. Whitsitt who had the foresight to know that people with alcohol use disorders needed some place to go here in our region.

A memorial plaque recognizing Andrew Pons, who had been a counselor as well as a former Director at AFWC, was received by his wife, Marva.

Pete Landon, Director Kent County Office of Emergency Services

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Opioid Restitution Fund has a total to date of \$264,600.23. No money has been given out to date.

Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - 11th Annual SIM Conference is November 1st. The Sequential Intercept Mapping Model (SIM) details how individuals with mental and substance use disorders come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-sim-conference-tickets-1002996297927>

Brigitte Kealy - MSBH - A reminder that we have the Recovery House Extended Stay Fund. MDRN Consumer Support Funds are also available for individuals that might need other funds, if they're in substance treatment.

Pete Landon - Kent County OES - 0 EMS associated overdoses in September

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR) 10 enrolled in State Care Coordination, 5 went to recovery houses. Completed 3 MDRN applications.

Brett C. Forest - MDH - RIM/OPT/NHIIH - On October 7th, Outreach will be in Rock Hall. October 13th we'll be at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department for Wellness Fair, from 10am to 2pm. Monday, October 21st, Outreach will be in Millington. October 24th, there will be a Pumpkin Carving event at the RIM Center from 4pm to 6pm. Pumpkins will be supplied by Lockbriar, Acme, and Redners. October 31, we will be at Social Services for Trunk or Treat. Men's Group is on Wednesday's from 5pm to 6pm and Women's Group is Thursday's, 5pm to 6pm.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Chestertown Police - One of our officers will attend a week long crisis intervention team training in October. It is an intensive training that deals with mental health and substance abuse.

Nikki Strong - DHS - START - On-site review was held in September and all went well. Currently there are 4 START cases. Cassandra Richardson, our PEER Mentor has been chosen to do a national speech at a conference in DC. October 31st, is Trunk or Treat at DSS. Anyone who would like to have their vehicle there, please call Kent County DSS. There are two positions available, Adult Services Worker and a Child Protective Services Worker.

Rosemary Ramsey Granillo - Kent County LMB - We are actively canvassing our community for needs assessment. There are 5 local Canvassers. They have knocked on over a 1000 doors. 200 direct interviews with residents around Chestertown and a few outside of town. We are asking them what they would like to see in their neighborhood for children and families in the community.

Annette Duckery - MDH - Prevention - Approved to continue the partnership for the responsible beverage server training, called Servsafe. 40 Kent County participants have been trained. Alcohol education and prescription drug safety classes have been prepared for the schools. The Christian Academy will be using the course for their health classes.

Assemblies were held at the high school and middle school. "Dirt", a performance by John Morello, about growing up and mental health. An interview with Mr. Morello followed at the local radio station.

Upcoming: Fall Festival at Lockbriar Farms on November 2, 10am to 4pm in partnership with Parks and Recreation and KCHD Tobacco Prevention.

New News & Other Information

William Webb - We are interested in holding in person meetings at least 4 times a year quarterly.

Record of Attendance

Ann Simperts, Annette Duckery, Ashley Strazza, Avery Meyer, Bobbie Jo Trossbach, Brett Forrest, Brigitte Kealy, Carla Thorpe, Chief Ronald Dixon, Chloe Campbell, Dennis Hickman, Desiree Rochester, Jacqueline Salb, Jennifer McCready, John Nunn, Kathryn Dilley, Latonya Cotton, Lauren Searce, Leland Spencer, Lisa Short, Lori Jacobs, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Minary's Dream Alliance, Nikki Strong, Pete Landon, Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Steven Jones, Tamara Stofa, Vandrick Hamlin, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, William Webb

Next meeting date: November 6th, 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.*

Thank you!