



## Meeting Minutes

September 4th, 2024

### Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCreedy, Director of Community Addictions Services

**William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD -**

*A motion was made to approve the August 7th, 2024 minutes. All approved.*

**Review and Adoption of Bylaws:** It identifies who the members of the LDAAC are, stipulates that we meet four times a year; we meet monthly and remotely, and attendance is required. 50% of the meetings are for those who are members and it requires a quorum, at least 10 members in attendance for each meeting to move forward.

*A motion was made to adopt the bylaws as submitted. All approved.*

**Election of Chairperson and Secretary:** Jennifer McCreedy was nominated to be Chairman of the Committee and Desiree Rochester was nominated to be Secretary.

*A motion was made to approve the nomination of chairperson and secretary. All approved.*

**Kent County Opioid Response Plan:** Revisions will be made to the plan and sent back out for review and approval at the next meeting.

**Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center -** AFWC has gotten through the recent covid outbreak. Moving forward anyone coming in for admissions will wear a mask until they can be tested. AFWC is excited to welcome Leslie Williams, Addiction Counselor. She has a history of working with individuals in the forensic population, as well as co-occurring. Alumni event, Sunday, September 29th from 1pm to 4pm.

**Andrew Meehan, Kent Goes Purple**

<https://www.kentgoespurple.org/>

**Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -** The Soar IV Grant letter that was received was an acknowledgement that the administration supported including the 12 crisis beds at the Whitsitt Center. A formal award letter technically has not been received.

**“Going Purple Together”** <https://midshorebehavioralhealth.org/training-and-events/midshore-goes-purple/>

Anne Simperts - Caroline County Color Run, Saturday, September 21st. A Memory Walk on Friday evening, September 27th for those that want to memorialize those that have lost their lives to overdose.

Ashley Strazza - Recovery House Extended Funding is still available. Email [rhex@midshorebehavioralhealth.org](mailto:rhex@midshorebehavioralhealth.org) with any questions.

**Avery Meyer - MOOR -** OPT Program survey has been posted on the website ([stopoverdose.maryland.gov](http://stopoverdose.maryland.gov)) - shows 120 substance use disorder programs across Maryland. Special Secretary Keller will be conducting visits in September. (less formal than Town Hall) She will be in Kent County on 9/25/2024

**Pete Landon, Director - Kent Co. OES -** 4 non-fatal overdoses reported in the month of August.

**Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR)** For the month of September 12 individuals enrolled in Care Coordination, 6 individuals applied for Maryland Recover Net

Funding(MDRN), 3 OFR cases were reviewed. Next OFR meeting will be on October 3rd. An expungement session was held at the RIM Center with Shore Legal Access. 5 or 6 applications were submitted for expungement.

**Brett C. Forest - MDH - RIM/OPT/NHIIH** - Thanks to all that attended the National Overdose Awareness Day, it was a great turn out. Kent Goes Purple Color Run and Jamboree, Sunday, September 8th, 7:30am-11:00am. On Thursdays, our female peers will be hosting a Women's Support group from 5 - 6 pm. You can find our monthly calendar on our Facebook page with all of our events and outreach.

**Christina Russell - DHS - START** - START is currently servicing 3 families in Kent County through the START Modality services.

**Annette Duckery - MDH - Prevention-** During September, participated in 5 events, 700 attendees, 3,000 educational materials were handed out during those events. Coming events, Kent Goes Purple, and assemblies at the middle and high school.

## **New News & Other Information**

### **Record of Attendance**

Kathryn Dilley, Chief Ronald Dixon, Annette Duckery, Brett Forest, Vandrick Hamlin, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, Lori Jacobs, Steven Jones, Melanie Jones-Daiziel, Pete Landon, Jennifer McCready, Andy Meehan, Avery Meyer, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Judge John Nunn, Brian Pearsall, Desiree Rochester, Christina Russell, Lauren Searce, Lisa Short, Ann Simperts, Tamara Stofa, Ashley Strazza, Carla Thorpe, Trish Todd, Mariah Utz Shupe, Steve Wallace, William Webb

**Next meeting date: October 2nd, 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!***