



Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Meeting Minutes

Alliance Meeting Name:	Overdose Prevention Team Operations Section-Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Branches	Meeting Location:	Hybrid- Wicomico County Health Dept and Google Meets						
Meeting Date:	August 1, 2024	Minutes Recorder:	Christina Bowie-Simpson						
Meeting Time:	930-1100 am	Minutes Reviewer:	n/a						
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<p>Staff: Christina Bowie-Simpson (<i>WiCHD</i>), Matthew McConaguhey (<i>WiCHD</i>)</p> <p>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD- LBHA</i>) Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD- Prevention</i>) Meredith Miller (<i>Wic Co Public Schools</i>) Penny Walters (<i>Wor-Wic Comm College</i>) </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Jovan Twilley (<i>Salisbury University</i>) Takiesha Collins (<i>WiCHD-OMPP</i>) Christi Richardson (<i>Wic Co Library</i>) Danielle Thomas (<i>Wic Co LBHA</i>) </td> </tr> </table> <p>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Stephen Silberman (<i>Addiction Wellness Center</i>) Heather Collins (<i>COVE Recovery</i>) Jenifer Halter (<i>WiCHD- Behavioral Health</i>) </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Tasha Jamison (<i>WiCHD- Case Management</i>) Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson Behavioral Health</i>) Lisa Campbell (<i>RRC</i>) </td> </tr> </table> <p>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Sherry Hostetler (<i>Criminal Justice Academy</i>) Jaime Greve (<i>Wic Co Sheriff's Office</i>) </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Lindsay Tayman (<i>Drug Court</i>) </td> </tr> </table> <p>GUESTS</p> Avery Meyer (<i>Maryland Office of Overdose Response</i>)			Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD- LBHA</i>) Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD- Prevention</i>) Meredith Miller (<i>Wic Co Public Schools</i>) Penny Walters (<i>Wor-Wic Comm College</i>)	Jovan Twilley (<i>Salisbury University</i>) Takiesha Collins (<i>WiCHD-OMPP</i>) Christi Richardson (<i>Wic Co Library</i>) Danielle Thomas (<i>Wic Co LBHA</i>)	Stephen Silberman (<i>Addiction Wellness Center</i>) Heather Collins (<i>COVE Recovery</i>) Jenifer Halter (<i>WiCHD- Behavioral Health</i>)	Tasha Jamison (<i>WiCHD- Case Management</i>) Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson Behavioral Health</i>) Lisa Campbell (<i>RRC</i>)	Sherry Hostetler (<i>Criminal Justice Academy</i>) Jaime Greve (<i>Wic Co Sheriff's Office</i>)	Lindsay Tayman (<i>Drug Court</i>)
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crissy Bowie-Simpson welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny Walters approved June meeting minutes and Meredith Miller carried. Meeting minutes were then unanimously approved. 	
Opioid Coordinator Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crissy Bowie-Simpson has resigned as full time Opioid Coordinator. Her last day will be 8/2/24. She will be returning in a part time capacity hopefully towards the end of August to help carry out Go Purple activities for the year. This position will be filled as a state position in the coming weeks and will fall under the LBHA at the Health Dept. • Should you have any questions, please contact Jessica Sexauer for the time being jessical.sexauer@maryland.gov Crissy Bowie-Simpson's email will also be monitored and directed as needed. • Crissy shared that she has enjoyed her time here and the community partnerships. A Lot of progress has been made in the county. 	
Opioid Restitution Fund Community Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Litigating Municipality RFP is open and can be found on the Wicomico County Health Dept website. https://www.wicomicohealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ORF-Non-Litigating-Municipality-Project-FY-25-fixed.pdf • If you have any questions please reach out to Hope Balam, or Matthew McConaguhey. • Tasha asked if these funds had the same allowable expenses as the other Opioid Restitution Funds we have discussed in the past. Crissy shared that they do. 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments. 	
Event and Activity Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-County Goes Purple Kick-Off event will be held on 8/31/24 at the Shorebirds Stadium. Flyers have been ordered for that event. Each Health Dept will have a table at the event and each Go Purple project. Naloxone trainings and resources will also be on site. First pitch will be at 630 and the game starts at 7:05. Flyers have been 	

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	<p>ordered. If you would like any please contact Crissy Bowie-Simpson. Overdose Awareness Day will be recognized at the event by showing a video prior to fireworks. Due to limited space and logistics, there are no vendors at this event other than those on the planning committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shatter the Stigma Walk will be held on 9/28/24 at Wor-Wic Community College. We will have Cascading Carlos there and a DJ. We will also have face painting, games and snow cones for sale. We are currently looking for speakers to share their story of recovery at the event. Registration is now open. Sherman the Shorebird and Wicky the Dolphin will be there. Also, the COAST TV mascot and Sparky the fire dog have been invited. We will have speakers as well. There will be an opportunity for vendor tables at that event. The walking course will be ADA compliant and is family friendly. Sherry Hostetler will provide the warm up for the day of the event. FREE tshirts to the first 150 people who register. ● OakRidge has informed the Go Purple team that they will not be able to hold the Rock for Recovery this year. We were unable to secure another location and work logistics with the time frame. Will consider bringing this event back next year. ● We will also be hosting a toiletry drive for recovery. We are still working on logistics and more information will be shared once available. ● The City will be lighting the bridge purple. 	
<p>Agency Updates</p>	<p><i>Local Behavioral Health Authority- WiCHD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8/22/24 from 6:00-8:00p will be an Overdose Awareness Event. This will be scaled back this year to be more intimate. This will be held at Winterplace Park. There will be speakers, a memorial and food available. Requesting that individuals send pictures of loved ones lost to post to the memorial wall. Contact jessica.taylor@maryland.gov with any questions. <p><i>Addiction Wellness Centers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● no updates given 	

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Wicomico County Public Schools

- no updates at this time

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

- MOOR has made determinations for the FY25 competitive grant proposals. The projects funded can be found on the stopoverdose.maryland.gov website.
- The state Discretionary ORF funding application deadline has closed and will be scored in the coming weeks. Crissy asked if this had more allowable expenses than the county ORF funds. She does not believe so. Avery asked which ones stood out, and Crissy mentioned one to assist Substance exposed newborns and that there appeared to be more mention of staffing/administrative costs. Avery mentioned that those could have been Advisory council recommendations. She encouraged if anyone has any questions to reach out to the MOOR.
- ORF Advisory Council meeting will be held on 8/5/24 from 3-4pm. You can find more information on their website.
- The state has released a new data dashboard which will replace the dashboard that was on the MOOR office website. You can search data not only by county level but down to zip code level as well.

COVE Recovery

- They are offering a family therapy program that has received good feedback. This is open to the public and held on Monday evenings.

Criminal Justice Academy

- There are 3 40 hr CIT classes coming up in FY25. They are offering a dispatcher class as well. They will also have a one day refresher course. Wednesday's are community resource days so if you would like to come in and share about your resources, please let Sherry Hostetler know.
- The Mobile Crisis Team (previously Crisis Response Team), has new staff to assist in getting referrals sent and doing follow up. They are transitioning to a new database which will help in being able to pull reports which will also help with increased referrals.

Wicomico Health Dept-Case Management

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- The LEAD Case Management supervisor is leaving the agency and this position will be posted for hire as soon as possible. LEAD is still taking referrals at this time.
- COAT Program is still operating 24/7 and the Case Management program is accepting referrals.
- Hope to be able to purchase safer smoking kits in the near future to help encourage individuals who would not usually access the center to come in for support. There has been an increase in overdoses of people who do not have a history of opioid use.
- They gave out 60k sterile syringes in FY24 and collected 25k used syringes.

Hudson Behavioral Health

- There is a need of larger sized clothing for individuals. They are looking for 2x-4x sizes. Crissy shared that the LMB will be hosting a clothing drive again this year and will have a shopping day in September that will be open to those in need. Crissy suggested reaching out to the LMB. She also shared she has some larger Go Purple shirts that are extra inventory from year's past so she will get those together for Hudson.

Adult Drug Court

- They currently have 34 active participants in the program.
- They were asked to serve as a mentor court for other newer drug courts. If they are chosen to serve as this, they will be the first drug court in MD to serve as a mentor court. They will be offering support to other Drug Courts nationwide. Determination to be made in November. This will be a 3 year activity.

Wor-Wic Community College

- They will be hosting the Shatter the Stigma Walk on 9/28/24.
- Will be having a Go Purple Day on 9/24/24. They will take pictures.
- Fountain and Cupala will be purple and the cafe will have at least one week of a purple food item. Penny will decorate a part of the cafe. Will have a billboard and resources out. They are also putting out purple flags and pinwheels.

Salisbury University- Community Opioid Program

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time they are awaiting grant funding determinations to continue their community health outreach worker program. <p><i>Recovery Resource Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their recovery breakfast will be held on 10/3/24. Sponsorship opportunities will be shared soon. Lisa shared that she was made aware that the City of Salisbury can not support the RRC with peer support activities with their opioid restitution funds. Crissy encouraged her to apply for the RFP at the Health Department. They did receive a mini grant from M&T Bank and have purchased new computers for folks accessing the center to use. <p><i>Wicomico County Sheriff's Office</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year to date overdose numbers- 42 total overdoses- 27 non-fatal and 15 fatal. This is a 25% decrease. Reported 2 overdoses in July- one fatal and one non fatal. Crissy asked for clarification on where this data comes from- Jaime shared this is any overdose in the county where a police report was completed. <p><i>Wicomico County Health Dept- Prevention</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy Shifler should be returning to work on 8/8/24. <p><i>Wicomico County Behavioral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no updates <p><i>Wicomico Public Libraries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no updates 	
<p>Additional Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A van has been wrapped with Go Purple messaging to assist in advertising for the campaign and getting items and supplies to events. The MOOR Office will be visiting Wicomico County in September for 2 site visits and will also be attending the Overdose Awareness Event on 8/22/24 Wicomico is still in the planning stages of obtaining harm reduction vending machines. The next step in this process is putting out an RFP for vending manufacturers to submit. Approximately 7 partners are interested in having a machine. Salisbury University will be adding Naloxone to an already established vending machine. Currently in the MOU process for this project. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penny asked if anyone is aware of the Wellness Recovery Action Plan called WRAP- the group recommended Bunky Sterling at Lower Shore Friends. Tasha shared his phone number.
NEXT MEETING	October- Date TBD