

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:	February 6, 2025	Minutes Recorder:	Juleanna Willis
Meeting Time:	9:30-11:00 am	Minutes Reviewer:	Michelle Hardy
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	Staff: Jessica Sexauer (WiCHD), Matthew McConaughy (WiCHD) PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA) Tammy Griffin (WiCHD-Prevention) Sherry Hostetler (Eastern Shore Crim Academy) Penny Walters (Wor-Wic Comm College) Julie Willis (WiCHD-LBHA) TREATMENT and RECOVERY Lore' Chamber(St. James Zion House) Stephanie VanGasbeck (Diakonia) Bo Kennedy (Tidal Health) ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Christopher Truitt (SBY Fire Dept. EMS) Jamie Greve (Wicomico Sheriff's Department) GUESTS Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response)		

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	- Julie Willis welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. - Julie made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2024. Michelle Hardy approved December minutes and Matthew McConaughy seconded. - The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.	
Status Update on Current RPF	- Jessica Sexauer reported that the committee has voted for a vendor for needing machines. - Vending locations will be Tidal Health Crisis Center, Wicomico Public Library, Wor-Wic Community College, Deers Head, Healthport, and Lower Shore Friends.	
Opioid Restitution Fund Community Grant	Matthew McConaughy reminded the group there are local funds available for proposals to be submitted utilizing direct Opioid Restitution Fund allocations.	Anyone with ideas or interest should contact Matthew.
Residential service Needs Assessment	- Jessica Sexauer reported Wicomico County LBHA has secured funding to complete a needs assessment for SUD residential services to support pregnant women, and women with children. - The project proposals have been submitted to both IRBs and we are waiting for approval to move forward.	
Presentation on MOOR Grant Recipient-Diakonia	- Ken Argot discussed Diakonia's efforts and their interest in applying for the grant. - Stephanie VanGasbeck discussed needs for unhoused population and peer support efforts.	
Professional Development Training Needs	Julie reported that there will be a virtual training titled Family Focused Health and Harm Reduction on March 6th from 1pm-4pm.	

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	• Efforts are in place to work with Wor-Wic Community College to provide training on ethics. • WiCHD and Wor-Wic will be hosting a Lunch and Learn in the spring.	
Agency Updates	<i>Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs</i> • Jessica Taylor reported that the State of the OFR was successful. • Color Run will be April 26th from 9am to 1pm at Kylan Barn. <i>Wor-Wic Community College</i> • Penny reported that Wor-Wic will be hosting a health fair on April 16th. • Lunch & Learn will be scheduled in the spring. • A request has been put in to host a mental health (adult) first aid training. <i>Wicomico County Sheriff's Office</i> • Jamie reported stats from 2024; 68 overdoses (26 fatal, 42 non-fatal). • There were 7 reported overdoses in Jan. 2025 all none fatal <i>Wicomico DSS-In Home</i> • Courtney reported that there were 19 reported exposures in January 2025. <i>Maryland's Office of Overdose Response</i> • Avery reported that applications are being accepted for the Competitive Grant Program. The deadline for application submissions is February 28th. • The governor had a press release speaking of the reduction in overdoses in Maryland (38% decrease). <i>St. James Zion Church</i> • Lore' reported that Standown is scheduled for April 25th in Cambridge, MD. They are seeking vendors.	



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	• Working on renewals for veteran families. <i>Wicomico County Public Schools</i> • Meredith reported that the 3rd Children's Mental Health Awareness event will be May 9th at the Civic Center. <i>Hudson Health Services</i> • Alex reported that Hudson will be celebrating 45 years of service. • They are planning new programs. <i>Eastern Shore Criminal Academy</i> • Sherry reported that CIT classes began February 5th. <i>Wicomico Health Dept.- OMPP</i> • The Go Red event will take place on February 7th at UMES. <i>Wicomico Health Dept-ATOD Prevention</i> • Cindy reports still meeting monthly with the youth • The cannabis grant is moving ahead. <i>Wicomico Health Dept- Targeted Case Mang.</i> • Tasha reports smoking kits have been highly successful and it has allowed them to reach a different demographic. • Looking into doing commercials for promotion purposes. • The C.O.A.T team is still helping in the community.	
Additional Comments	• No public comments submitted.	
NEXT MEETING	March 6, 2024 @9:30am Hybrid	