

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:	March 6, 2025	Minutes Recorder:	Juleanna Willis
Meeting Time:	9:30-11:00 am	Minutes Reviewer:	Michelle Hardy & Jessica Sexauer
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	Staff: Jessica Sexauer (WiCHD), Matthew McConaughy (WiCHD) PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA) Takeisha Collins (WiCHD-Prevention) Joel Beiler (Coastal Hospice) Penny Walters (Wor-Wic Comm College) Julie Willis (WiCHD-LBHA) TREATMENT and RECOVERY Tammy Walbert (Tidal Health) Stephanie VanGasbeck (Diakonia) Tish Otty (Homes4Hope) Diane Palmer (Sante) Lisa Campbell (RRC) ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Christopher Truitt (SBY Fire Dept. EMS) David Phippin (SWIFT) GUESTS Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response)		
			Jovan Twilley (Salisbury Univ.) Michelle Hardy (WiCHD-LBHA) Tasha Jamison (WiCHD-Case Mang.) Cindy Shifler (WiCHD-Prevention) Jessica Lewis (LMB) Alex Pullen (Hudson Health) Ken Argot (Diakonia) Susan Forrest (Hudson Health) Steve Silberman (Addiction Wellness) Morgan Bowers (SBY Police Dept.) Jarah Hall (Adult Drug Court)



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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 February 2025. Jessica Sexauer approved February minutes and Cindy Shifler seconded. • The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.	
<i>Residential Service Needs Assessment</i>	• Jessica Sexauer reported that the progress with the needs assessment is moving forward. • An email was sent requesting certain needs for completing the survey and reaching out to local facilities. • A flyer will be sent to branding.	
<i>RPF Vendor for Harm Reduction Vending Machines</i>	• Jessica informed the committee that Mullan Pharmaceutical Inc. has been selected as the vendor for the harm reduction vending machines. • The final details for the machines are in the works. • The targeted date for the machines to be available to the community is May 30th. • Steve inquired if it was possible to have instructions on the machine just in case someone does not have access to a phone to use the QR code.	
<i>ORF Targeted Local Abatement Plan</i>	• Julie shared with the committee that the abatement plan has been submitted. • The plan focuses on access to naloxone, providing education to local schools, and using MOUDS to help with treatment.	
<i>Presentation on Hudson Behavioral Health</i>	• Hudson will be celebrating 35 years of service in the community. • Susan and Alex shared services being offered by Hudson including: ◦ 24/7 admissions with stays lasting between 30-60 (tailored to the clients needs)	



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	○ Level 3.1, 3.5, and 3.7 services (able to accept pregnant women and sex offenders) ○ Able to evaluate client wounds (case by case). ○ Two sober living homes located in DE. ○ Accepts MD and DE medicaid. ○ Offering groups including drumming, yoga, and art. ○ An open house/ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in the summer or fall. ○ Waiting on a final review to open a new outpatient facility.	
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. ● WiCHD and Wor-Wic will be hosting a Lunch and Learn “Weeding Through Cannabis” on April 10th from 10am to 1pm.	
Agency Updates	Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs ● Jessica Taylor reports that the Color Run will be April 26th from 9am to 1pm and Kylan Barn. ● 159 people have signed up so far. Wor-Wic Community College ● Penny reported that Wor-Wic will be hosting a health fair on April 16th. ● Lunch & Learn will be April 10th. Salisbury Police Department ● No updates to report. Maryland’s Office of Overdose Response ● Avery reported that the Competitive Grant had 168 applicants. ● Funds from the Block Grant have been distributed. ● ORF State Discretionary award was announced on Monday March 3rd. ● A new strategic plan has been created.	

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SWIFT

- MBCM has started a Buphenorphine induction program.

Homes4Hope

- Tish had no updates to report.

Local Mang. Board

- Jessica L had no updates to report.

Diakonia

- 11 candidates are currently in peer support training for certification.
- Starting the 2nd month of the new grant.

Sante

- Diane had no updates to report.

Addiction Wellness Center

- Steve reported that a new 3.1 facility will be opening in Baltimore in June. More details to come!

Recovery Resource Center

- Lisa reports that 7 peers should be completing their certification training soon.
- Brian from the WiCHD came to do Narcan training.
- A new cohort will be starting in April with 10 people scheduled to start training.
- Safer, Stronger together is now available within the RRC.

Wicomico County Adult Drug Court

- Jarah had no updates to report.

Wicomico Health Dept.- OMPP



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	• Tykiesha reports that a webinar regarding stigma will take place between April-June. • National Public Health Week will take place in April. ◦ Voting is open for Outstanding Public Health Leader. <i>Wicomico Health Dept-ATOD Prevention</i> • Cindy reported no current updates. <i>Wicomico Health Dept- Targeted Case Mang.</i> • Tasha reports that recovery net funding for transitional housing will be stopped in March. • The C.O.A.T team is available to help in the community. <i>Salisbury University</i> • Jovan reports that the first cohort for community health workers has finished. • If any community health workers are interested in participating in the next cohort, please inquire. <i>Coastal Hospice</i> • Joel reports that Camp Chameleon will be offered to kids in June. Referrals are being taken. • Bereavement services and ongoing grief support are still being offered.	
Additional Comments	• No public comments submitted.	
NEXT MEETING	April 3, 2024 @9:30am Hybrid	