

## Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Meeting Minutes

<b>Alliance Meeting Name:</b>	<i>Overdose Prevention Team Operations Section-Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Branches</i>	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<i>Hybrid- Wicomico County Health Dept and Google Meets</i>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<i>November 3, 2024</i>	<b>Minutes Recorder:</b>	<i>Jessica Sexauer</i>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<i>930-1030 am</i>	<b>Minutes Reviewer:</b>	<i>Michelle Hardy</i>
<b>Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:</b>	<p><b>Staff:</b> <i>Matthew McConaguhey (WiCHD), Jessica Sexauer (WiCHD), Matt Leitzel (Wicomico County Government)</i></p> <p><b>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</b></p> <div> <div> <i>Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA)</i>  <i>Brian Polk (WiCHD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Jason Sammons ( Wicomico DSS)</i>  <i>Penny Walters (Wor-Wic Comm College)</i> </div> <div> <i>Jovan Twilley (Salisbury University)</i>  <i>Michelle Hardy (WiCHD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Meredith Miller (Wicomico Public Schools)</i>  <i>Jessica Lewis (LMB)</i> </div> </div> <p><b>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</b></p> <div> <div> <i>Diane Palmer ( Affiliated Sante)</i>  <i>Heather Collins (COVE Recovery)</i>  <i>Lore' Chamber( St. James Zion House)</i>  <i>George Wison ( St. James Zion House)</i> </div> <div> <i>Lisa Campbell (RRC)</i>  <i>Alex Pullen (Hudson Behavioral Health)</i> </div> </div> <p><b>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <div> <i>Jarah Hall (Drug Court)</i>  <i>Lorenzo Cropper (Wicomico DES)</i>  <i>Jamie Greve (Wicomico Sheriff's Department)</i> </div> <p><b>GUESTS</b></p> <i>Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response)</i>		

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Sexauer welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves.</li> <li>Jovan Twilley approved October meeting minutes and Lisa Campbell seconded. Meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>Overdose Prevention Coordinator Transition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Hardy updated the group and informed them the new OPT Coordinator, Juleanna Willis, will start on 11/13/24 three days per week. She will be in the position full time by January 2025.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Recap on Tri-County Go-Purple Event</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-County Goes Purple Kick-Off event was held on 8/31/24 at the Shorebirds Stadium. There were 4,209 attendees at the game. Need to decide if we will have the Tri-County Kick-Off in 2025. The cost will be \$5,500 for the event, and we would look at August 22nd, or September 6th.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Opioid Restitution Fund Community Grant</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Hardy reported having a RFP open to locate a vendor to supply and maintain at least six (6) harm reduction vending machines around Wicomico County. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for November 19th.</li> <li>Matthew reported the Non-Litigating Municipality RFP received no community applications. RFP has closed. If anyone is interested in utilizing these funds for a project to combat the opioid epidemic please reach out to Hope Balam, or Matthew McConaguhey.</li> <li>Matthew reported the targeted abatement plan has been sent to the County Executive's team for review and approval. Once it has been approved it can be submitted to the MOOR office.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Residential service Needs Assessment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Sexauer reported Wicomico County LBHA has secured funding to complete a needs assessment for residential services to support pregnant women, and women with children. The health</li> </ul>	

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	<p>department will be working with BEACON on this project and there is a meeting next week to review and discuss possible survey questions, focus group questions, and key informant interview questions. Please reach out to her if there are any thoughts on questions that would support this project.</p>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No public comments.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agency Updates</b>	<p><b>Department of Social Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held Substance Exposed Newborn conference took place October 30 at the Marriott Salisbury. It was about building partnerships between DSS, Healthy Families America program, and the BOE Birth to Five program. It went well and was nice for networking purposes.</li> <li>There are new statewide initiatives for foster care. The new initiative makes Maryland a kin first state. Draft regulations have been sent out for public comment and will go into effect January 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wor-Wic Community College</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Penny reported planning activities for next semester. Trying to secure funding to bring Tony Hoffman to the area. She will not know until January if funding will be secured to bring him to the area, but he is interested in coming. If anyone would like to partner to extend his visit to other venue's please let Penny know.</li> <li>Penny also expressed interest in bringing back "lunch and learn" training events.</li> <li>Community health worker certification program. Anyone interested should contact Jovan to get registered. The program is set to begin 11/14/24 at 5:00pm.</li> </ul>	

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### ***Recovery Resource Center***

- Lisa reported the RRC was awarded Marijuana Community Reinvestment Funds for their peer support program.
- Hosting Friendsgiving on 11/24/24. Accepting food and gift card donations to support this event and get dinners to anyone in need through the RRC.

### ***Wicomico County Sheriff's Office***

- Jamie reported an uptick in overdoses. She reported 59 overdoses this year in Wicomico County, with 22 of those being fatal.

### ***Wicomico County LMB***

- Jessica Lewis reported the LMB awarded funds through the Community Reinvestment and Repair Act to the RCC.

### ***Maryland's Office of Overdose Response***

- Waiting to get an update on timelines for awarding notifications for the state ORF discretionary process. The Advisory Council is working to finalize recommendations for this year.

### ***Hudson Health Services***

- Started a partnership with CSG Foods to upgrade food services on their residential campus. The company has a registered dietitian and is able to accommodate a variety of dietary needs.

### ***St. James AME Zion***

- Hosting a Small Business Expo on 11/14/24 at 3:00pm sponsored by the FDIC.

### ***COVE Recovery***

- Continuing to offer family programs to connect family members. Trying to engage more people in family sessions and facilitated groups.

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	<p><b><i>Wicomico Health Dept-Case Management</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Harm Reduction Center now has safer smoking and safer snoring kits. We are reaching a new demographic. Individuals seem very appreciative of this new resource. It is also starting new conversations and connections with individuals who are actively using and to help keep them safe.</li></ul>	
<b>Additional Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!</li></ul>	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>December 5, 2024</b>	