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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:	April 3, 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) PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA) Takeisha Collins (WiCHD-Prevention) Danielle Thomas (WiCHD-LBHA) Penny Walters (Wor-Wic) Sherry Hostetler (Wor-Wic/ ESCJC) Courtney Aley (DSS) TREATMENT and RECOVERY Alex Pullen (Hudson Health) Stephanie VanGasbeck (Diakonia) Tish Otty (Homes4Hope) Lauren Reck (MAT Clinics) Diane Palmer (Mobile Crisis) ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Lorenzo Cropper (Wicomico County Emer. Serv.) GUESTS Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response) Jovan Twilley (Salisbury Univ.) Michelle Hardy (WiCHD-LBHA) Jessica Lewis (LMB) Julie Willis (WiCHD-LBHA) Meredith Miller (WCPS) Laura Pedone (MAT Clinics) Ken Argot (Diakonia) Kye McMath (MAT Clinics) Lisa Campbell (RRC) David Phippin (SWIFT)		

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	- Julie Willis welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. - Julie made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 2025. Tykeisha Collins approved March minutes and Jovan Twilley seconded. - The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.	
<i>OPT Updates</i>	- Julie informed the group that compliance with OPT meetings is being reviewed. - Meeting minutes have been updated on the WiCHD website where the public may review meeting minutes if they wish to do so. - A co-chair may be needed but that will be looked into further.	
<i>Residential Service Needs Assessment</i>	- Jessica Sexauer reported that the first focus group was held on 3-27-24 at the American Job Center. - The next focus group will be held online on April 10th.	Email jessica.sexauer@maryland.gov to information on the virtual focus group on 4/10/25.
<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. - Locations have been secured (3 will be inside & 3 will be outside) - A contract has been signed and the wrap for the vending machine has been approved. - A new contract will be signed in July 2025 due to software updates. - Training will be available for partners. - The targeted date for the machines to be available to the community is May 30th.	
<i>FY26 Block Grant Application</i>	Julie shared that the FY26 Block Grant is due by the end of the month and input is requested from the committee.	



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	• Michelle Hardy stated that having highlighted presenters at most OPT meetings would be beneficial. • Jessica Sexauer mentioned how the goals were good and it allows us to work closer with partners. • Members were encouraged to contact Julie with any other suggestions.	
<i>Presentation on MAT Clinics</i>	• Laura, Lauren, and Kye presented information regarding available services. • MAT provides medicated assisted treatment, IOP, and OP. Counseling and psychiatry services are optional. • Treatment plans are tailored to fit each client. • They will now be servicing adolescents ages 16 & 17 and have teamed up with Empowering Minds Resource Center. • MAT is harm reduction based and offers medications such as Suboxone, Antabuse, Brixadi, Vivitrol, etc. • Appointments can be scheduled 24/7 and they can also partner with other providers to provide services. • Kye stated that clients will not be discharged for positive urines and that they truly try to work with clients to meet them where they are. • Danielle Thomas asked if they were partnering with DJS. Laura said they are open to working with them regarding referrals.	
<i>Professional Development Training Needs</i>	• WiCHD and Wor-Wic will be hosting a Lunch and Learn <i>“Weeding Through Cannabis”</i> on April 10th from 10am to 1pm.	

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Agency Updates	
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- Jessica L reported that they will be having a family friendly event at the Civic Center on May 9th from 5pm-8pm.
- Still looking for more vendors.

Diakonia

- Stephanie reported that they have just hired another full time employee.
- Have been attending meetings in the community regarding their services.

Sante Mobile Crisis

- Diane had no updates to report.

Recovery Resource Center

- Lisa reports that they are still taking people interested in doing peer support.
- Volunteer appreciation luncheon will be April 27th.
- Fundraisers are currently being planned.

Wicomico Health Dept.- OMPP

- Tykiesha reports that a webinar regarding stigma will take place between April-June.
- National Public Health Week will take place in April.
 - Food Drive boxes are located in each HD building.

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- Jessica S reported that the MYOP program will be hosting a training session at SU on May 9th. Save the date has been sent out.

Wicomico Health Dept- Academic Detailing

- Danielle reports that the MAT dinner will be April 10th and will be a great networking opportunity.

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	- Jovan reports that they are preparing for their second cohort. Anyone interested may reach out. <i>Wicomico County Dept. of Social Services</i> - Courtney reports that the SENS report had 8 cases, all cannabis use. - Blue pinwheels have been placed in SBY City Park for Child Abuse Prevention Month. <i>Wor-Wic Community College (ESCJCA)</i> - Sherry reports that there is a CIT advisory board meeting on April 3rd.	
<i>Additional Comments</i>	An opportunity was made for any members from the public to make a comment. No comments were made or submitted.	
<i>NEXT MEETING</i>	May 1, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid	