

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:	May 1, 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) and Matthew McConaughy (WiCHD) PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA) Michelle Hardy (WiCHD-LBHA) Julie Willis (WiCHD-LBHA) Sherry Hostetler (Wor-Wic/ ESCJC) Nicholas Thompson (Wicomico Public Schools) TREATMENT and RECOVERY Alex Pullen (Hudson Health) Stephanie VanGasbeck (Diakonia) Lisa Campbell (RRC) Diane Palmer (Mobile Crisis) Jessica Stoner (Tidal Health) ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Morgan Bowers (Salisbury Police Dept.) Miranda Webster (SWIFT) Lindsay Tayman (Wicomico Adult Drug Court) GUESTS Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response)		
			Takeisha Collins (WiCHD-Prevention) Danielle Thomas (WiCHD-LBHA) Tasha Jamison (WiCHD-Case Mang.) Tammy Griffin (Prevention) Laura Pedone (MAT Clinics) Jessica Stoner (Tidal Health) Lore' Chambers (St. James Zion House) Steve Silberman (Genuine Care Consulting)
			David Phippin (SWIFT) Kara Harrington (SWIFT)



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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	• Julie Willis welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. • Julie requested for approval of the meeting minutes from April 2025. Steve Silberman made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes and Miranda Webster seconded the motion. • The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.	
<i>Harm Reduction Vending Machines</i>	• Michelle Hardy stated that the vending machines are wrapped and should be ready to be deployed by the end of May. • There will be free naloxone, fentanyl & zylazine testing strips. • The possibility of having condoms and first aid kits in the vending machines is being explored.	
<i>Residential Service Needs Assessment</i>	• Michelle reported that all the focus groups have been conducted and were very helpful. • They are still working on reaching out to women and getting them to complete the survey.	
<i>Presentation on Genuine Care Counseling</i>	• Steve presented on services offered by Genuine Care Consulting. • GCC offers a network of specialized healthcare services for SUD & Mental Health treatment facilities including: ◦ Billing ◦ Consulting ◦ Licensing ◦ Credentialing ◦ Staff • Their Addiction Wellness Center offers telehealth & in-person appointments. ◦ Aftercare is offered to support transition in care. ◦ Facilities are located in Westminster, Laurel, and Quantico • ERSO Diagnostics provides diagnostics insights that impact clinical decisions and toxicology. • Results are determined in 24-48 hours	



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<i>Professional Development Training Needs</i>	• “The Weeding Through Cannabis” training was successful and had positive reviews. • Five people were trained in Naloxone. • Future trainings will be coming up in July. More details to come.	
<i>Agency Updates</i>	<i>Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs</i> • Jessica Taylor reported that the color run was a success. • The overdose fatality group is still looking to connect with other partners in the community • There is still a need to work on coordination of care and effective communication between providers. <i>Hudson Health Services</i> • Alex reported that their 3.1 housing in Georgetown, DE is opening today. • Hudson is still offering 24/7 admissions. • OMHC is off to a slow start but is moving along. <i>Wicomico County Drug Court</i> • Lindsay reported that drug court graduation will be May 9th at 2pm. • The drug court was recognized by All Rise as a mental court program • There are currently 27 activities participants. • Members will be attending a Behaviorial Health Conference on May 21st to May 22nd in Ellicott City • Members will attend a National Conference at the end of the month. <i>Salisbury Police Department</i> • Morgan had no updates to report. <i>MAT Clinics</i> • Laura had no updates to report. <i>Maryland’s Office of Overdose Response</i> • Avery had no updates to report.	



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Wicomico Health Dept. (Targeted Case Mang.)

- Tahsa reported that BTMPS has been found in drug supplies in Maryland. Email was sent to share with local providers.
- Attended the RX & Illicit Drug Summit in Nashville, TN.
- Will try to meet with Jamie Grieves regarding data.
- Making plans to meet with Avery from the MOOR office

SWIFT

- Miranda reported that they had their first buprenorphine induction last Friday. Follow up care was offered as well.
- Will be engaging in local middle schools like Wicomico Middle and Bennett Middle in education.
- There has been an increase in 911 overdoses

Wicomico County Health Dept.

- Matthew and Jessica S. had no updates to report.

Diakonia

- Stephanie reported that they are in Wicomico County three times a week.
- Stephanie has been promoted to Team Lead.
- They are now a team of 6 people due to new hires.

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.
- There will be a resource and food distribution on May 9th.
- Food bank is available.
- There is now a recovery merch store.
- There is a new event and training coordinator.

Wicomico Health Dept. (Prevention)

- Tammy had no updates to report.



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	<i>Wicomico Health Dept- Academic Detailing</i> • Danielle had no updates to report. <i>Wor-Wic Community College (ESCJCA)</i> • Sherry reports the crisis intervention team training program completed their training season. • Curriculum planning has started for next year.	
<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>Adjournment</i>	• The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	June 5, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid	