



Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Meeting Minutes

Alliance Meeting Name:	<i>Overdose Prevention Team Operations Section-Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Branches</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Hybrid- Wicomico County Health Dept and Google Meets</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>June 5, 2025</i>	Minutes Recorder:	<i>Juleanna Willis</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>9:30-11:00 am</i>	Minutes Reviewer:	<i>Michelle Hardy & Jessica Sexauer</i>
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<p>Staff: Matthew McConaughey (<i>WiCHD</i>)</p> <p>PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD- LBHA</i>) Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Tasha Jamison (<i>WiCHD-Case Mang.</i>) Jason Simmons (<i>DHS</i>)</p> <p>TREATMENT and RECOVERY Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson Health</i>) Deval Hodge (<i>St. James Zion House</i>) Steve Silberman (<i>Genuine Care Consulting</i>)</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Lindsay Tayman (<i>Wicomico Adult Drug Court</i>)</p> <p>GUESTS Avery Meyer (<i>Maryland Office of Overdose Response</i>) Penny Walters (<i>Community Member</i>)</p> <p>Takeisha Collins (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>) Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Sherry Hostetler (<i>Wor-Wic/ ESCJC</i>)</p> <p>Laura Pedone (<i>MAT Clinics</i>) Christine Foote (<i>Homes4Hope</i>)</p>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:32am.	

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<i>Introductions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. Julie requested for approval of the meeting minutes from May 2025. Sherri Hostetler made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes and Takeisha Collins seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved. 	
<i>Harm Reduction Vending Machines</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie reported that all 6 vending machines have been deployed and stocked. Each machine has the ability to be monitored to make sure inventory is stocked. A press release will be sent out and possibly a ribbon cutting. A picture of the vending machines was shown to the committee. 	
<i>Presentation on Homes 4 Hope LLC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Foote presented for Homes for Hope LLC. H4H is a CARF accredited organization. H4H services adults and adolescents. Services offered include 3.1 housing for males, DUI Education, Family Re-Entry Program, IOP, OP, MAT, and mental health services. Appointments may be done virtually and/or in-person. Placement is done within the same day as the initial appointment. H4H accepts CareFirst, Cigna, Maryland Medicaid, Medicare, Optum, and United Healthcare. 	
<i>Professional Development Training Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A free Xylazine training will be at the American Job Center (AJC) on July 9th at 9am. Space is limited! Free CEUs to be offered. 	
<i>Agency Updates</i>	<p><i>Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Taylor reported that she is working with Lindsay to figure out better communication when it comes to care coordination among providers. Overdose Awareness Day is on August 28th 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The Out of the Darkness (there may be a name change) walk will probably happen in October 2025. Bunky was given an award at the On Our Own Conference for 30 years of service. 	

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- Pictures to be provided.

Hudson Health Services

- Alex reported that they are still working on getting their outpatient services going and are accepting new clients.
- The new house in Georgetown has an upcoming certification.
- Still taking admissions 24/7.

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- Avery Meyer reported that Block Grant approvals have gone out and Competitive grants are being reviewed.
- A mini grant opportunity has been presented and applications are due on June 9th.
- Recommendations for how to use restitution funds are being requested.
- ORF reporting template is changing.

Genuine Care Consulting

- Steve Silberman reported that their new 80 bed 3.1 housing in Baltimore City should be open by the end of June 2025.

Wicomico DHS

- Jason Simmons reported the numbers for the substance exposed newborn unit. 8 newborns in May tested positive (4 cannabis, 2 cocaine, 1 opiate, and 1 fentanyl).

Wicomico County Drug Court

- Lindsay Tayman reported that the drug court has 26 active participants.
- A mentor court plaque was presented to Wicomico's Adult Drug Court Program.

Wicomico Health Dept. (Targeted Case Mang.)

- Tahsa had no updates to report.

Wicomico County Health Dept.

- Matthew McConaughy reported that the ORF community grant for ORP should be coming out soon. Allows organizations to apply for funds received from the Opioid Restitution funds.

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	<p><i>Wicomico Health Dept. (OMPP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takeisha Collins reported that several trainings were hosted. Will be assisting with the WGP opioid forum. The 2025 Enforcement Awards Luncheon will be June 9th at 11:30am at the Civic Center. <p><i>Zion House</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deval Hodge reported that they are still committed to serving the community, especially unhoused veterans. <p><i>Wor-Wic Community College (ESCJCA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherry Hostetler reports that they gave a CIT award to a correctional officer at ECI. Two more awards will be coming out on Monday. First class announcement has been made for upcoming courses in August. 	
<i>Public Comment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community member, Penny Walters stated that she is now attending meetings as a community member since she has resigned from her position at Wor-Wic Community College. She will continue to be involved in the OPT meetings, Go Purple, and Shatter the Stigma Walk. 	
<i>Additional Comments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be no meeting in July due to the July 4th holiday! 	
<i>Adjournment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am 	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	August 7, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid	