

## 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>August 7, 2025</i>	<b>Minutes Recorder:</b>	<i>Juleanna Willis</i>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<i>9:30-11:00 am</i>	<b>Minutes Reviewer:</b>	<i>Michelle Hardy &amp; Jessica Sexauer</i>
<b>Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:</b>	<p><b>Staff:</b> Matthew McConaughey (<i>WiCHD</i>)</p> <p><b>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD- LBHA</i>)  Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)  Tasha Jamison (<i>WiCHD-Case Mang.</i>)  Danielle Thoms (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)  Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)</p> <p><b>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</b></p> <p>Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson Health</i>)</p> <p><b>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <p>Lorenzo Cropper (<i>Wicomico County Emergency Services</i>)</p> <p><b>GUESTS</b></p> <p>Avery Meyer (<i>Maryland Office of Overdose Response</i>)  Josie Friedli (<i>Capital Strategies</i>)  Unknown Attendee (<i>410*****50</i>)</p> <p>Takeisha Collins (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)  Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)  Sherry Hostetler (<i>Wor-Wic/ ESCJC</i>)  Jolene Isaac (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)  Courtney Aley (<i>DHS</i>)</p> <p>Lisa Campbell (<i>Recovery Resource Center</i>)</p>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:33am.</li> </ul>	

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<b><i>Introductions</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All attendees were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.</li> <li>• Julie requested for approval of the meeting minutes from June 2025. Matthew McConaughy made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes and Sherri Hostetler seconded the motion.</li> <li>• The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Harm Reduction Vending Machines</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie shared statistics to the group regarding the vending machines.</li> <li>• The library has had the most items deployed.</li> <li>• Users have been answering the demographic questions.</li> <li>• Matthew suggested that Julie, Christina Gray, and Jaimie Grieve meet so that a presentation could be made showing how statistics have changed since the deployment of the machines.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Presentation on Wicomico Goes Purple</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wicomico Goes Purple will commence for its 7th year in September 2025.</li> <li>• There are three events planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lower Shore Goes Purple Kick-Off (September 6th @7:05pm)</li> <li>◦ Pathways to Prevention Discussion Forum (September 18th @5:30pm)</li> <li>◦ Shatter the Stigma Walk (September 27th @9:30am)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WMDT will be running commercials highlighting all the events.</li> <li>• Volunteers are needed for the Kick-Off and the Shatter the Stigma Walk.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Professional Development Training Needs</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a Sexual &amp; Gender Diversity Learning Training on September 19th or October 3rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Provided by the Maryland School of Public Health.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><i>Agency Updates</i></b>	<p><b><i>Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Taylor reported that Overdose Awareness Day is on August 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.</li> <li>• The Light the Night suicide prevention &amp; memorial event will be October 18, 2025 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.</li> <li>• Working to engage with EMS in the Leave Behind project.</li> </ul>	

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### ***Wicomico Health Dept.- Prevention***

- Tammy Griffin had no updates to report.

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

- Lisa Campbell reported that they will be hosting a Back to School event on August 21st from 1:30pm to 4:00pm.
  - Please contact Lisa if you would like to be a vendor.
- The Overdose Awareness Vigil will be August 30th at 7:00pm.
  - Email or contact the RRC to sign up as a vendor.

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

- Alex Pullen reported that they are still taking admissions 24/7.
- Hudson is celebrating their 45th year anniversary on 9-10-25 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.
  - Save the Date has been sent out.
  - RSVP link will be sent out at a later date.

### ***MOOR***

- Avery Meyer reported that all awards have been sent out.
  - Summary for the competitive grants are pending.

### ***Wicomico County Sheriffs Department***

- Jaime Grieves reported via email that to date in 2025 there have been 35 total Law Enforcement Reported Overdoses.
  - 29 have been non-fatal.
  - 6 have been fatal
- This is a 22% decrease in overall numbers and is a 60% decrease in fatalities.
- There are no new trends to report.
- They are still monitoring medetomidine (which is more potent than xylazine) and other adulterants in the local supply.

### ***Wicomico Health Dept. (Targeted Case Mang.)***

- Tahsa Jamison reported that the Shore Center has seen increased activity.

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	<p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Hardy reported that Suicide Awareness Month is during September. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear yellow on 9/10 to help raise awareness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>There will be a stakeholder meeting on 10/15/25 at the American Job Center.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA-Special Programs)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Danielle Thomas reported that she completed a Naloxone training at Homes at Gateway Village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May reach out in the future to help educate residents and workers on stigma.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Dept.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew McConaughy reported that the Opioid Restitution Grant RFP closes on August 11th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie will email requirements for RFP outline.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico Health Dept. (OMPP)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Takeisha Collins had no updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Emergency Services</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorenzo Cropper had no updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wor-Wic Community College (ESCJCA)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherry Hostetler reports that CIT training will be coming up in September.</li> <li>If anyone would like to come and do their Community resource day please contact Sherry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is usually held on Wednesdays from 8:00am to 9:00am.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><i>Public Comment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Josie Friedli from Capital Strategies reported that the Opioid Training Institute is offering a 4 hour online course for First Responders/Fire/EMS/Corrections/Social Work.</li> <li>No other public comments were made.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Additional Comments</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no additional comments.</li> </ul>	



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<i>Adjournment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am</li></ul>	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	September 4, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid	