

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>September 4, 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:	Staff: Matthew McConaughey (<i>WiCHD</i>) and Jessica Sexauer (<i>WiCHD</i>) PREVENTION and EDUCATION Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD- LBHA</i>) Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Tasha Jamison (<i>WiCHD-Case Mang.</i>) Allysa Gammel (<i>Local Mang. Board</i>) Jessica Rickels (<i>WWCC</i>) Takeisha Collins (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>) Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Danielle Thomas (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>) Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>) TREATMENT and RECOVERY Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson Health</i>) Susan Forrest (<i>Hudson Health</i>) Lisa Campbell (<i>Recovery Resource Center</i>) ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY Lorenzo Cropper (<i>Wicomico County EMS</i>) Richard Gooding (<i>SWIFT</i>) Jamie Grieve (<i>Sheriff's Office</i>) Chris Truitt (<i>SBY Fire Dept.</i>) Tammy Walbert (<i>SWIFT</i>) Lindsay Tayman (<i>Drug Court</i>) GUESTS Benjamin Fraifeld (<i>Maryland Office of Overdose Response</i>) Gigi Pierce (<i>TidalHealth</i>) Julia Scheu (<i>TidalHealth</i>) Penny Walters (<i>Community Member</i>)		

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	- Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:30am. - All attendees were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves. - Julie requested for approval of the meeting minutes from August 2025. Matthew McConaughy made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes and Tasha Jamison seconded the motion. - The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.	
<i>National Recovery Month Events</i>	- Allysa Gammel reported that they have an upcoming event “Dress For Success” on September 11. Donations may be dropped off at the office on 110 N. Division St. - They are collecting professional clothing (men’s in particular)	
<i>Presentation on TidalHealth Edward Q. Wilgus Community Center</i>	- The clinic is open Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm (Lunch 12pm-1pm) - The program has 30 residents and 5 providers that rotate. - They offer services in English, Spanish, and Indian. - Services include follow up care regarding COPD, MH, SUD, Diabetes, etc.) - They also offer End of Life planning (wishes/comfort) for families. - The goal of the clinic is to help reduce the amount of hospitalization.	
<i>Professional Development Training Needs</i>	- There is a Sexual & Gender Diversity Learning Training on September 19th or October 3rd. - Provided by the Maryland School of Public Health. - MAC is hosting a webinar titled Drinking & Alcohol Use Disorder in Youth on September 25th. - MCASA is hosting a webinar entitled Human trafficking:Overlooked Population on September 9th. - There were no comments on any type of professional training. - Please reach out to Julie for any suggestions regarding professional training.	

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Agency Updates	<i>Wicomico County Health Department</i> - Matthew McConaughy reported that medetomidine has been reported in Cecil County. - WiCHD will work on creating their own flyer to make the public aware of medetomidine. <i>Wicomico Health Dept.- LBHA Special Programs</i> - Jessica Taylor reported that the Light the Night suicide prevention & memorial event will be October 18, 2025 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm. - Waiting on contract for the Leave Behind kits for the fire department. - Overdose Awareness Day had low attendance (possibly due to back to school events) but was still successful. <i>Wor-Wic Community College</i> - Jessica Rickels reported that there will be a Narcan training offered to students and faculty on September 25th at 12:30pm and 1:30pm. <i>Wicomico County Partnership For Families & Children (LMB)</i> - Allysa had no updates to report. <i>Wicomico Health Dept.- Prevention</i> - Tammy Griffin stated that they are working on the Cannabis Grant including: - A communications campaign in middle schools - expanding partnerships - expanding education to parents - Prevention is currently in the process of hiring for two positions. <i>Recovery Resource Center</i> - Lisa Campbell reported that there were 102 people at the Overdose Awareness Vigil on August 30th. - The 3rd Saturday of the month will be Bingo with Betty from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. - The RRC is taking donations for their Friendsgiving event. - Rise for Recovery Breakfast Fundraiser will be on October 9th at the Civic Center.	
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- They are working on a mini grant to help market towards the youth in Somerset County.
- The next peer program starts at the end of September. Please reach out to the RRC if interested in signing up.

Wicomico County Adult Drug Court

- Lindsay Tayman reports that there are currently 29 participants in drug court.
- The next graduation will be on October 17th at 2pm in the Ceremonial Court Room. It is also their 20th anniversary.
- There will be an Annual Symposium on December 10th and September 11th in Towson, MD. The training is free.

Hudson Health Services

- Alex Pullen reported that they are still taking admissions 24/7.
- Currently hiring anyone with their Master's for their mental health clinic.
- Hudson is celebrating their 45th year anniversary on 9-10-25 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.
 - Will take place at their Enrichment Center.
 - Catered by Black Diamond.

MOOR

- Benjamin Fraifeld reported on behalf of Avery Meyer.
- Awards summaries have gone out for the FY26 Competitive Grant.
- National Recovery Month events have been posted to the MOOR website.
- There will be staffing for a work group expanding Buprenorphine access.
- Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council meeting will be on September 15th.
 - Public feedback is requested.

SWIFT

- Richard Gooding reported that SWIFT will be at several events this month in support of National Recovery Month.
- Ramping up education outreach.

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Wicomico County Sheriff's Department

- Jaime Greve reported that there have been 6 overdoses in 2 weeks, all have been non-fatal.
- Rhynotranq has been found in some supplies.
- There have been 41 overdoses to date, 35 nonfatal and 6 fatal. 50% down from last year.
- Narcan has been present on the scene for some of these events.

Wicomico Health Dept. (Targeted Case Mang.)

- Tasha Jamison reported that the Shore Center has seen increased activity.
- Workers are still engaging and educating the community.
- Received a notification from the state of Maryland that a “spike” is considered 3 or more overdoses in a 24 hour period.
- Still looking for a LEADS Supervisor and Peer Specialist.
- This is Tasha’s last week in her current role as supervisor.

Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA)

- Michelle Hardy reported that Suicide Awareness Month is during September.
 - Wear yellow on 9/10 to help raise awareness.
- There will be a stakeholder meeting on 10/15/25 at the American Job Center.

Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA-Special Programs)

- Danielle Thomas had no updates to report.

Wicomico County Health Dept.

- Jessica Sexauer reported that the harm reduction vending machines are doing well and that there is a conversation being had about adding other supplies to the machines.
- Submitted and have preliminary approval for abatement plan to support jail based medicated assistance treatment and maintenance.
- Contracts will be worked on.

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	<i>Wicomico Health Dept. (OMPP)</i> • Takeisha Collins reports that no one was trained in Narcan training at the Overdose Awareness Day event. • There was one person trained at the Back to School event at the Recovery Resource Center. • There were 24 attendees trained in Narcan at Shore Up. • Housing complexes, Pemberton & Waterside, are interested in having resources available for their residents. • Helping with Drug Free Wicomico and the youth coalition. <i>Wicomico County Emergency Services</i> • Lorenzo Cropper had no updates to report. <i>Wor-Wic Community College (ESCJCA)</i> • Sherry Hostetler reports that CIT training will be coming up in September. • If anyone would like to come and do their Community resource day please contact Sherry. ○ This is usually held on Wednesdays from 8:00am to 9:00am.	
<i>Public Comment</i>	• There was a time given for anyone from the public to make a comment regarding any questions or concerns. • No comments were made.	
<i>Adjournment</i>	• The meeting was adjourned at 10:08am	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	October 2, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid	