

## 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>November 6, 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> <i>Jessica Sexauer (WiCHD)</i></p> <p><b>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</b></p> <p><i>Michelle Hardy (WiCHD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Danielle Thoms (WiCHD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Jessica Taylor (WiCD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Becky Crew (Parents Place of MD)</i>  <i>Jason Sammons (Wicomico DSS)</i></p> <p><b>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</b></p> <p><i>Alex Pullen (Hudson Health)</i></p> <p><b>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <p><i>Lorenzo Cropper (Wic. County Emer. Services)</i>  <i>Richard Gooding (SWIFT)</i></p> <p><b>GUESTS</b></p> <p><i>Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response)</i>  <i>Penny Walters (Community Member)</i></p> <p><i>Julie Willis (WiCHD-LBHA)</i>  <i>Tammy Griffin (WiCHD-Prevention)</i>  <i>Allysa Gammel (LMB/WPFC)</i>  <i>Courtney Aley (Wicomico DSS)</i>  <i>Jovan Twilley (Salisbury Univ.)</i></p> <p><i>Diane Palmer (Eastern Shore Crisis)</i></p> <p><i>Jamie Greve (Wic. Sheriffs Office)</i>  <i>Morgan Flanagan (SBY Police Dept.)</i></p>		

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<b><i>Welcome and Introductions</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:32am.</li> <li>● All attendees were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.</li> <li>● Julie requested for approval of the meeting minutes from October 2025. Richard Gooding made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as written and Alex Pullen seconded the motion.</li> <li>● The meeting minutes for October 2025 were then unanimously approved.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Quarter 1 Report for the Harm Reduction Vending Machines</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Julie shared the results from the vending machines for the first quarter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over 500 items were dispensed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The library continues to be the most utilized vending machine.</li> <li>● New items will be available soon including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hygiene kits</li> <li>○ First Aid kits</li> <li>○ Medetomidine testing strips</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><i>Presentation on Wicomico Partnership for Families &amp; Children</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allysa Gammel presented on services offered by Wicomico Partnership for Families &amp; Children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Within the Local Management Board.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Their agency focuses on making resources available for families who may be impacted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ parental incarceration</li> <li>○ youth homelessness</li> <li>○ childhood hunger</li> <li>○ autism evaluations</li> <li>○ youth skills</li> <li>○ workforce development.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Funding is provided through state grants.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Professional Development &amp; Training Needs</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On December 3rd at 10am there will be a training titled <b><i>“Medetomidine: What’s In The Mix?”</i></b> at the Community Foundation of the Lower Eastern Shore. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A flyer has been sent out to sign up.</li> <li>○ Free social work CEUs will be offered.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grounds for Conversation will be hosted on November 12th from 9am to 11am at Hudson Health’s Enrichment Center.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RSVP is not required but encouraged!</li> <li>○ Please see Alex or Julie for more information.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agency Updates</b>	<p><b><i>Wicomico Health Dept.- Prevention</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tammy Griffin reported that the prevention coordinator position (once held by Ms. Cindy) has been filled and will be announced soon.</li> <li>● Drug Free Wicomico are seeking new members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please contact Tammy if interested.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● There are 9 drop boxes located throughout the city.</li> <li>● There will be a campaign done to help educate the public on what items may be disposed of in the disposal bins.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Recovery Resource Center (Not in attendance)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The RRC will be hosting Bingo with Betty &amp; Kenny on Nov. 15th from 1:30pm to 4:00pm.</li> <li>● Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 23rd from 1pm to 5pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Donations needed. Please contact Kendall or Betty.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Holiday Hope for Families toy drive 2025 will be from November 1st to December 15th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Donations may be dropped off at the RRC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>Hudson Health Services</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alex Pullen reported that they are still taking admissions 24/7.</li> <li>● There was an influx in admittance during the month of September which is common for this time of year.</li> <li>● There is also a new therapist who has joined the agency.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>MOOR</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Avery Meyer reported that there will be a webinar on November 20th from 1p to 2pm called “Intro to the ORF” to educate people on what the ORF is and what it does. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please submit question before the meeting at <a href="https://forms.gle/8GiCiBPYJ9u4OPDY7">https://forms.gle/8GiCiBPYJ9u4OPDY7</a></li> <li>○ Webinar Link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/rdn-qmoy-gsy">https://meet.google.com/rdn-qmoy-gsy</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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- The Opioid Restitution Fund Expenditure Report 2025 was released on November 3rd which summarizes expenditures from Maryland's ORF.
  - The report may be reviewed using the link:  
<https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2025/11/FY-2025-State-Finance-and-Procurement-Article-%C2%A7-7%E2%80%933331.pdf>
- Please reach out to Avery if there are any questions.

### ***Wicomico County Sheriff's Department***

- Jaime Greves reported via email that to date in 2025 there have been 49 total Law Enforcement Reported Overdoses.
  - 40 have been non-fatal.
  - 8 have been fatal
  - 1 pending testing results
- Wicomico County overdoses are down 18% from this time last year and fatal overdoses are down 60%..

### ***Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA-Special Programs)***

- Danielle Thomas reported that there are some concerns with senior citizens being able to get certain services covered by Medicare that are covered on Medicaid.

### ***Wicomico County Health Dept.***

- Jessica Sexauer reported that the addendum for the harm reduction vending machines is in the works for the new supplies to be placed in the machines.
- The abatement plan has been approved for the detention center and the Wicomico County Board of Education.
  - Julie and Michelle Hardy will be meeting with WCBOE on November 7th.

### ***Wicomico County Emergency Services***

- Lorenzo Cropper had no updates to report.

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	<p><b><i>SWIFT</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Gooding reported that SWIFT has been at 15 outreach events with over 10,000 contacts made.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Salisbury University</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jovan Twilley reported that their next cohort has started.</li> <li>There is a wait list for the next cohort scheduled for October 2026.</li> <li>Please contact Jovan with any questions.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Department of Social Services</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were 11 assessments completed (one for cocaine, one for opioids, and the rest marijuana use)</li> <li>There were 12 assessments</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Department (LBHA-Special Programs)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Taylor had no updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Police Department</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morgan had no updates to report.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Public Comment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opportunity was given for members of the public to make a comment if they desired to do so.</li> <li>No public comments were made.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Additional Comments</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OPT meeting for January will be canceled due to it being a state holiday.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was adjourned at 10:23am</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Next Meeting</i></b>	<b>December 4, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid</b>	