



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:	December 4, 2025	Minutes Recorder:	Juleanna Willis												
Meeting Time:	9:30-11:00 am	Minutes Reviewer:	Michelle Hardy & Jessica Sexauer												
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<p>Staff: Jessica Sexauer (<i>WiCHD</i>) and Matthew McConaughey (<i>WiCHD</i>)</p> <p>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Danielle Thomas (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)</td> <td style="border: none;">Allysa Gammel (<i>LMB/WPFC</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Rebecca Crew (<i>Parents Place of MD</i>)</td> <td style="border: none;">Courtney Aley (<i>Wicomico DSS</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Jessica Rickels (<i>WWCC</i>)</td> <td style="border: none;">Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)</td> </tr> </table> <p>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Ken Argot (<i>Diakonia</i>)</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Jamie Greve (<i>Wic. Sheriffs Office</i>)</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Richard Gooding (<i>SWIFT</i>)</td> </tr> </table> <p>GUESTS</p>			Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)	Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)	Danielle Thomas (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)	Allysa Gammel (<i>LMB/WPFC</i>)	Rebecca Crew (<i>Parents Place of MD</i>)	Courtney Aley (<i>Wicomico DSS</i>)	Jessica Rickels (<i>WWCC</i>)	Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)	Ken Argot (<i>Diakonia</i>)		Jamie Greve (<i>Wic. Sheriffs Office</i>)	Richard Gooding (<i>SWIFT</i>)
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:31am. ● All attendees were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves. ● Julie informed the committee that one change was made to the November meeting minutes. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Richard Gooding made a motion to approve the revised November meeting minutes as written and Danielle Thomas seconded the motion. ● The revised meeting minutes for November 2025 were then unanimously approved. 	
<p><i>Abatement Plan Update</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michelle Hardy reported that the MOU for the detention center is almost completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on final signatures. ○ The goal is to service 10 clients. ○ Injectables to be offered are Brixadi and Vivitrol. ● They are continuing to see a need for this service. ● The Wicomico County Board of Education MOU is in the works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle & Julie met with Chris Tobias, Supervisor of Physical Education, Health, Family & Consumer Science. ○ The campaign will be called “Do Sports, Not Opioids” through the intramural sport programming ○ Students who participate will receive t-shirts. ○ WGP & WiCHD will be at least 2 events to promote awareness. 	
<p><i>Presentation on The Parents Place of Maryland</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rebecca Crew presented on the services offered at the Parents Place of MD (PPM). ● Established in 1990, Parents Place empowers families to advocate for themselves. ● Other services include: Family Peer Support, IEP Basics, Military Outreach, topic specific trainings, Virtual Sessions, etc. ● PPM recently received the BHA grant for peer support. ● Support Groups are held monthly via virtual platform. ● Ppmd.org website offers English & Spanish (Haitian Creole can be done upon request). 	
<p><i>Professional Development & Training Needs</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Medetomidine: What’s In The Mix? was very insightful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WBOC & WMDT both covered the training. ● If you are interested or see a need for certain trainings, please reach out to Julie. 	

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<p>Agency Updates</p>	<p>Wicomico Health Dept.- Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tammy Griffin had no updates to report <p>Maryland Coalition of Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allysa had no updates to report. <p>Wicomico County Sheriff's Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jaime Greves reported that YTD there have been 52 overdoses (10 fatal, 42 non-fatal). That is a 50% decrease from 2024. ● The department is still monitoring additives being found in the current supply. <p>Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA-Special Programs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Danielle Thomas had no updates to report. <p>SWIFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Richard Gooding reported that there have been 7 overdose responses in November, all were non-fatal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD there have been 75 overdose responses. <p>Wicomico County Department of Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courtney Aley reported that in November there were 9 referrals (all THC). ● December so far there have been 5 referrals (THC, Opiates, Cocaine, & Bup). <p>Diakonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ken Argot reported that Stephanie VanGasbeck is no longer with the agency. ● Rick Hamilton has filled Stephanie's position. ● There are 44 peers being trained. ● 46% of those who sought treatment were able to be placed. <p>Wicomico County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jessica Sexauer had no updates to report. 	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The opportunity was given for members of the public to make a comment if they desired to do so. ● No public comments were made. 	



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<i>Additional Comments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The OPT meeting for January will be canceled due to it being a state holiday.
<i>Adjournment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am
<i>Next Meeting</i>	February 6, 2025 @9:30am Hybrid