



## Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Alliance Meeting Name:</b>                               | Overdose Prevention Team Operations Section-Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Branches  | <b>Meeting Location:</b> | Hybrid- Wicomico County Health Dept and Google Meets |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>  | February 5, 2026  | <b>Minutes Recorder:</b> | Juleanna Willis                                      |
| <b>Meeting Time:</b>  | 9:30-11:00 am   | <b>Minutes Reviewer:</b> | Michelle Hardy & Jessica Sexauer                     |
| <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>Michelle Hardy (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)<br/> Danielle Thomas (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)<br/> Rebecca Crew (<i>Parents Place of MD</i>)<br/> Jessica Rickels (<i>WWCC</i>)<br/> Shannon Webster (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)<br/> Jovan Twilley (<i>Salisbury Univ.</i>)</p> <p><b>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</b></p> <p>Rick Hamilton (<i>Diakonia</i>)<br/> Diane Palmer (<i>Mobile Crisis</i>)</p> <p><b>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p> <p>Jamie Greve (<i>Wic. Sheriff's Office</i>)<br/> Tim Chrysler (<i>Wic. Emer. Services</i>)</p> <p><b>GUESTS</b></p> <p>Avery Meyer (<i>MOOR</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Julie Willis (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)<br/> Allysa Gammel (<i>MCF</i>)<br/> Courtney Aley (<i>Wicomico DSS</i>)<br/> Tammy Griffin (<i>WiCHD-Prevention</i>)<br/> Jessica Taylor (<i>WiCHD-LBHA</i>)<br/> Sherry Hosteler (<i>WWCC/ESCJC</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alex Pullen (<i>Hudson BH</i>)<br/> Daniel Sarr (<i>St. James AME Zion Church</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Morgan Flanagan (<i>SPD</i>)<br/> Lorenzo Cropper (<i>Wic. County Emer. Services</i>)</p> |                          |  |

| TOPIC              | DISCUSSION  | ACTION |
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| <i>Welcome and</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Willis began the meeting at 9:31am.</li> </ul> |        |

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| <p><b><i>Introductions</i></b></p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All attendees were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.</li> <li>● Matthew McConaughey made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as written and Alex Pullen seconded the motion.</li> <li>● The December 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b><i>Abatement Plan Update</i></b></p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michelle Hardy reported that the MOU for the detention center has been completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Injectables to be offered are Brixadi and Vivitrol.</li> <li>○ 1-2 clients have already started.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Wicomico County Board of Education MOU has received final signatures.</li> <li>● Julie will meet with WCPS to discuss an additional idea, named “Into the Light” project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A non-profit organization started by Theresea Clower who lost her son to addiction.</li> <li>○ The project features portraits of those who have lost their battle against substance misuse.</li> <li>○ The education piece helps to share their stories and to change the conversation about addiction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b><i>Presentation on the Healthcare Machines Updates</i></b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The healthcare vending machines were updated on January 22nd with new items including: first aid kits, hygiene kits, and male non-latex condoms.</li> <li>● Several machines have already required more restocking.</li> <li>● WMDT did a feature of the new updates on January 30th</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b><i>Professional Development &amp; Training Needs</i></b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Julie reported that upcoming trainings are in the works.</li> <li>● There are still conversations being had about doing warm hand offs and continuation of care.</li> <li>● If anyone has any ideas regarding trainings or professional development opportunities, please reach out to Julie.</li> <li>● Upcoming trainings and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy Day- Feb. 10th</li> <li>○ 2026 Best Practices Conference- March 31st</li> <li>○ Inpatient Management of OUD training- February 23rd</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |  |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mental Health First Aid Training (Adults)- February 24th</li> <li>○ Between the Leaves: Prevalence, Withdrawal and Approaches to Care for Kratom Use training- February 10th</li> <li>○ Bloom Conference 2026- March 11th and March 12th</li> <li>○ 2026 Tuerk Conference- April 15th</li> <li>○ Children’s Mental Health Awareness Family Night- may 8th</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>Agency Updates</b></p> | <p><b><i>M.O.O.R</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Avery Meyer reported that MOOR will be hosting Advocacy Day on 2/10/26 from 9am to 10:30am at Lawyer’s Mall in Annapolis.</li> <li>● Applications for the Competitive Grant are still being accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The deadline is March 6, 2026.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The ORF Dashboard is still in progress.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Recovery Resource Center</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lisa Campbell reported that the RRC is currently working on Nicotine and Cannabis education in Somerset County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This outreach is being offered to 6th and 8th graders in Somerset County</li> <li>○ An ad is being run on 97.5</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Bridge Program in partnership with Tidal Health is being offered in the emergency department. This helps to provide support to those struggling with substance misuse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There will be one full time worker and one part time worker on the weekends.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Spring fundraisers are in the works.</li> <li>● Planning has started for Overdose Awareness Day.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Dept. (LBHA-Special Programs)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jessica Taylor reported that a press release has been distributed regarding Children of Addiction Awareness Week (Feb 8th-Feb 14th).</li> <li>● The WiCHD now has Benzo and Medetomidine testing strips.</li> <li>● EMS leave behind kits</li> <li>● The Color Run is scheduled for April 25, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More details to come.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |

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- Overdose Awareness Day will be August 31st, 2026 at Winterplace Park.

### ***Salisbury University***

- Jovan Twilley reported that the current CHCW cohort is almost completed.
  - There are 21-22 participants.
- There is a waitlist for the next cohort. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Jovan.

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

- Jaime Grieve reported that there have been 8 overdoses (1 presumed fatal, the rest nonfatal).
  - Continuing to see cocaine & heroin on the scene.
- Narcan was given 3 times.

### ***Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy (WWCC-ESCJC)***

- Sherry Hostetler reported that the current CIT training is almost complete.

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

- Tim Chrysler had no reports but wanted to thank everyone for their continued support.

### ***Wor-Wic Community College***

- Jessica Rickels reported that the Shatter the Stigma Walk will be on September 26, 2026.
  - More details to come.

### ***St James AME Zion Church***

- Daniel Sarr introduced himself as the new Support Service Specialist for Veterans Families.

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

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- Tammy Griffin reported that Shannon Webster has joined the prevention team (Has taken Ms. Carol Fenner's former position).
- Applications are being accepted for Ms. Cindy Shifler's former position.
  - Application closes on February 9th.

### ***Eastern Shore Mobile Crisis***

- Diane Palmer had no updates to report.

### ***Maryland Coalition of Families***

- Allysa Gammel reported that they will be hosting a grant writing workshop on February 17, 2026.
  - Multiple sessions to be held.
- Children's Mental Health Fair will be May 8th from 5pm to 8pm at James M. Bennett High School.
  - This is a FREE event.
  - Vendors are welcomed (please no charge)

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

- Matthew McConaughy reported that the RFP will be open in July. Please reach out if you have any questions.

### ***Wicomico County Health Dept. (Prevention)***

- Shannon Webster reported that they have met with the WCBOE regarding updating their teen tobacco program.
  - The curriculum is being updated to be more innovative.
  - Streamlining the referral process (tobacco vs. SUD)
  - The program may be inside the school during school hours for students to attend.
- Currently working on a cannabis media campaign.
- Medication lockboxes are currently being updated
  - Hopefully sharp boxes will be on pick up rotation.
- Go Red event will be on 2/6 from 5pm to 9pm at the Civic Center
  - There will be 3 speakers (giving personal testimony, nurse practitioner, EMS)

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- 150 have signed up
- National Public Health Week will be the 2nd week in April.
  - More details upcoming.
- There has been a community partnership created with Inspire One to reach out to two housing complexes (Pemberton & Mitchell's) in regards to substance misuse, gang activity, etc.

### ***Hudson Behavioral Health***

- Alex Pullen reported that there are current renovations being done to all the buildings.
- November and December there was an influx of people seeking treatment in spite of the holidays. January has been slower than normal.
- There are current openings including for mental health services.

### ***SWIFT***

- Richard Gooding reported via email that there have been 57 outreach events
  - 10,418 attendees
- There have been 2,202 converted contacts and 5 new community partnerships
- The following items were distributed:
  - **3,325 Promotional Items** to increase visibility and engagement.
  - **50 Emergency Information Forms** to assist individuals and families in preparing for emergencies.
  - **131 Narcan Kits** to equip community members with life-saving overdose reversal tools.
  - **143 Deterra Bags** for safe medication disposal, reducing the risk of misuse.
  - **435 Fentanyl Testing Strips** and **430 Xylazine Testing Strips**.
- The expansion of our Public-School Opioid Awareness campaign to 2 Middle Schools, yielding education of 260 8th Grade Students.
- In regards to overdose response, SWIFT responded to **16 overdoses** during the Q4 reporting period.
- **Patient Demographics:**

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|                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10/2025: 100%-Male, 33.3% Caucasian, 66.7%- African American</li> <li>o 11/2025: 85.7% Male, 100% Caucasian</li> <li>o 12/2025: 66.7% Female, 16.7% Male, 83.3% Caucasian</li> <li>● 0 fatal overdoses occurred during these responses, demonstrating the effectiveness of timely intervention. EMS calls of service converted to 0 new Buprenorphine inductions during this period.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Parents Place of Maryland</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rebecca Crew had no updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Wicomico County Health Department (LBHA Special Programs)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Danielle Thomas reported that the MAT collaboration is going well.</li> <li>● There are currently discussions regarding prenatal care among women who are struggling with substance misuse and treatment options for them.</li> <li>● Bay Harbor is now offering MAT treatment and accepting referrals.</li> <li>● Dr. Kix is working to partner with OB-GYNs and medical providers to address the need for prenatal care for women with addiction.</li> <li>● Dr. Jeffrey Benner is working on a trial for an addiction implant, which may be available around 2027 or 2028.</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>● Julie will send out an email with the upcoming trainings and events that are upcoming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you would like your flyer shared during any upcoming OPT meetings please send a copy to Julie</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |
| <b><i>Adjournment</i></b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b><i>Next Meeting</i></b>        | <b>March 5, 2026 @9:30am Hybrid</b>   |  |