



Meeting Minutes

April 2nd, 2025

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, Director of Community Addictions Services

Motion was made to approve the March 5th, 2025 minutes. Motion 2nd. All approved.

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Funding for the Maryland Department of Rehabilitation (MDR) will be extended through May 31, 2025. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be discontinued and its responsibilities integrated into the newly established Administration for Healthy America.

Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center - Behavioral Health Administration along with Mid Shore Behavioral Health will visit on Friday, April 4th. There was an increase in census and then a downfall. Staff continue to work with referral sources to get people into treatment. Transportation to treatment has been busy.

Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - The Fiscal Year 2026 Community Behavioral Health Presentation is scheduled for April 3rd, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and will be available in both virtual and in-person formats. The Across the Life Span Conference will be April 25th.

The Maryland State Behavioral Health Administration (MSBH) will initiate a five-county regional Across the Life Span needs assessment to gather insights into the actual needs within the community.

Funding opportunities remain available for recovery housing.

Avery Meyer - Maryland Office of Overdose - Opioid Restitution Funds(ORF) awards from the State Discretionary Abatement went out March 4th. \$12.4 million was awarded to over 28 projects. Summaries can be found on the website under the advisory council tab.

111 applications for the Competitive Grant were received with \$6 million to be awarded.

A new strategic plan for the MOOR from the new administration was released and can be found on the website. It realigns the goals around 5 priority pillars and outlines specific programs and metrics.

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR) - 2 suspected overdoses for February. 6 enrolled in State Care Coordination, 3 went to recovery houses. Completed 2 MDRN applications. The next OFR meeting is scheduled for April 3rd, 2025. For more information contact: melanied.jones-dalziel@maryland.gov

Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIH - Rim Peer attended Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Outreach activities for April include an event at the YMCA from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on April 4th, Narcan Training at Washington College on April 17th, resource table at Washington College's Easter Egg Hunt on April 21st, and at Millington Town Hall also on April 21st.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Law Enforcement - Saturday, April 26th is National Drug Takeback Day in partnership with Annette from Prevention. We will be at the Chestertown Farmer's Market.

Vandrick Hamlin - Schools - Spring break will start Thursday, April 17th to Monday, April 21st.

Christina Russell - DHS - START - Caseload of 7 families. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pinwheels have been placed at the Courthouse representing a Kent County child.

Annette Duckery - Prevention -

- The prescription drug safety course has 112 enrolled students.
- The alcohol education course has 87 enrolled students
- 110 participants have been trained in RBF or tip server training.
- 63 ID Guides and related materials were received from the Liquor Inspector.
- 3 events were held, reaching 325 individuals.
- 700 educational materials were distributed.
- Spring Fest is scheduled for April 12th in collaboration with Parks and Recreation.
- Welcome to Taylor Smith from Dorchester County, the newest member of the OMPP team.

Record of Attendance

Annette Duckery, Ashley Strazza, Avery Meyer, Brett Forrest, Brigitte Kealy, Carla Thorpe, Chief Ronald Dixon, Christina Russell, Dennis Hickman, Desiree Rochester, Jacqueline Salb, Jennifer McCready, Joanne McNamara, Kathryn Dille, Latoyna Cotton, Lauren Searce, Lisa Short, Lori Jacobs, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Minary's Dream Alliance, Inc., Shawn Hart, Shelly Neal, Steven Jones, Tamara Stofa, Trish Todd, Vandrick Hamlin, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, William Webb

Next meeting date: May 7th, 2025 Virtual

REMINDER: If there is anyone from your agency that you would like to add or delete from the LDAAC meeting list, please reach out to Desiree Rochester at desirees.rochester@maryland.gov.

Thank you!