



Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCreedy, LAA Director

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - We are working on formalizing the LDAAC meetings and the county appointed members, along with the meeting agendas and minutes. One of the changes we are looking at is posting the agenda and the minutes and potentially the recordings.

Carla Thorpe - AF Whitsitt Center - There has been an increase in census. Kent County residents are accounting for 25% of our admission so far for this fiscal year. 65% of the individuals have an opioid or a cocaine dependence.

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Kathryn Dilley - MSBH - February 29th, we will be hosting our Inaugural Diversity Equity and Inclusion Conference at Minary's Dream Alliance. The theme is Beyond Inclusion. Also, we've been working with Kent County Health Department and the Whitsitt Center to develop a proposal for services and expansion of the old Carter Center space.

Ashley Strazza - MSBH - Planning a new project surrounding naloxone distribution with RIM Center, details on this collaboration will come soon.

Lisa Short - MSBH - Working with Channel Markers to establish the Midshore Suicide Prevention Coalition. Information forthcoming.

Avery Meyer - MOOR - 23 out of 24 Town Halls completed. There will be a Statewide Town Hall, February 20th from 6-7:30pm.

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - Care Coordination - 12 months ending September of 2022, 6 OD, September 2023, 2 OD. 10 people were enrolled into Care Coordination, 5 went to recovery houses.

Brett C. Forrest - MDH - RIM/OIT/NHIH - Our newest groups are; Healthy Habits Group, Mondays at 3pm and Tuesday's, "Mid-day Matinee". Great community engagement during No Harm In Helping Outreach in Millington, we handed out hygiene packs, safe sex kits, and Narcan. You can find events and updates on our Facebook page.

Jennifer McCreedy- LAA- We are in the process of setting up a Wellness Room in the RIM Center. It will be a space for the community, staff, or anyone that needs a quiet moment to regroup. We are also continuing to plan and partner with Minary's Dream Alliance to support the youth in our community.

Vandrick Hamlin - Schools/Education - Challenge Days will be April 18th at the Middle School and the 19th at the High School. May 2nd will be our Mental Health Awareness Fair at the High School, it will be a joint fair with high and middle school students, together with the Local Management Board.

Steven Jones - Recovery Houses - The Chestertown house has 3 guys that have been clean for over a year, and our house manager has over 5 years clean. The house is full. Had to turn down 7 people.

Annette Duckery - Prevention - Working with Washington College to get the TIPS University class setup. Two TIPS classes were held with a total of 24 participants.

Working with the liquor inspector to get things ready to begin the educational compliance checks for vendors in Kent county. ID check guides come out this month. 63 books have been ordered for all alcohol vendors in the community.

300 pieces of educational materials were distributed this month. Working with the schools to get extra materials and posters. The OMPP Grant has been developed and we also signed the MOUs for the 5 counties.

Hope Clark - KCCRRP - Recently updated the Recidivism Reduction Project program description. Also, an updated flier and a list of treatment facilities are on the state website. Hoping to add jobs and education links.

Shawn Hart - NDNS - Starting open access in March for mental health and substance abuse for both adults and adolescents, Monday thru Friday. Starting Narcan training for the community.

Next meeting date: March 6th, 2024 @7:30am via teleconference platform.

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!