



Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2023

Welcome/Introductions – Brenna Fox, LAA Director

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - Last Saturday was a historic day for the State of MD as recreational marijuana has been legalized. The HD has been pushing out educational information from the Medical Cannabis Admin. on risks and dangers associated with use.

Carla M. Thorpe, Director - A.F Whitsitt - Several recruitments for open positions in the AFWC have been advertised. One of those positions, Supported Employment Coordinator, purpose is to help individuals w/SUD find and maintain employment in the community. This will be especially beneficial to those going to recovery housing so they can self pay after funding is exhausted.

Latonya Cotton-Tilghman, LCSW-C Clinical Director - Kenah One Health - Main office located in Glen Burnie. New office in Chestertown that provides therapy, medication management, PRP, individual and couple counseling, IOP, OP, PHP and mobile treatment (ACT). Planning on expanding services in the fall. For more information call 443-491-7811. Also has a 3.3 residential treatment in Worton that has 14 beds. Accepts both male and females. For more information call 410-810-7925.

Katie Dilley - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - Working closely w/KCLMB and Dr. Couch, KC school superintendent in anticipation of RFP for coordinated community supports. This will be for behavioral and SUD services for the child and adolescent population in school and community settings. Working closely w/Kent LAA and leadership team to plan upcoming Going Purple Together on Sept. 16th @ Worton Park.

Ashley Strazza - Mid Shore Behavioral Health - Mid Shore is now an Overdose Response Program (ORP). Purpose is to try and fill gaps in the community w/Naloxone training and education in the community.

Brenna Fox - Kent County OD Stats -

June 2023 - 1 Suspected Non-Fatal OD calls compared to June 2022 - 1 Suspected Non-Fatal OD calls

June 2023 - 0 Suspected fatal OD reported compared to June 2022 - 0 Suspected Fatal OD

Narcan Distribution: June 2023 - 144 Narcan doses distributed compared to

June 2022 - 24 Narcan doses distributed

Brett Forestt - Recovery in Motion/OIT/NHIH - Continue to saturate the community w/Narcan. Also distributed in the month of June 73- first aid kits and 51 safe sex kits. In June 10 referrals were completed for treatment. 13 support groups were offered in the RIM Center. BYB was a success. 394 individuals attended. Thank you to everyone who came out to support and share information. NHIH van started to go out into the community. NHIH offers on-site HEP-C and HIV testing, safe sex kits, hygiene items, wound care kits, referrals, educational items, and peer support. Check Facebook for all of the latest news and updates.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Chestertown Police Department - Partnered w/Choptank Community Health to find a location for the mobile health van. Saved an individual in cardiac arrest who overdosed in the community w/CPR and Narcan. He met w/peers at hospital and accepted help.

Steve Jones - New Heights Recovery House - Opened a new MCORR certified recovery house in Cecilton. It is currently full. Location in Chestertown is also full.

Christina Russell - KCDSS START (Sobriety Treatment And Recovery Teams) - Sandy, peer mentor, has been going out in the assessment stage w/SEN cases in order to provide support and identify potential START cases. FY23 - 13 SEN referrals in Kent County. 9 of those involved marijuana. Although marijuana is legal in MD still responding to SEN cases for assessment if a child is born testing positive for marijuana. FY23 - 2 START cases.

Avery Meyer - OOC - All approval/denial letters have been sent out for the competitive grants application. Targeted abatement grant fund NOFA is upcoming will notify when clears. Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council will meet Monday 7/10 from 3-4:30pm. Mtg open to the public.

Next meeting date: August 2, 2023 @ 7:30am via teleconference platform.

REMINDER: If there is anyone from your agency that you would like added or deleted from the LDAAC meeting list please reach out to Jennifer at jennifer.mccready@maryland.gov. Thank you!