



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:	June 6, 2024	Minutes Recorder:	Christina Bowie-Simpson																						
Meeting Time:	930-1100 am	Minutes Reviewer:	n/a																						
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<p>Staff: Christina Bowie-Simpson (WiCHD), Matthew McConaguhey (WiCHD)</p> <p>PREVENTION and EDUCATION</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Jovan Twilley (Salisbury University)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Katherine Jones (Bay Area Center for Indep Living)</td> <td>Courtney Alley (Wicomico DSS)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meredith Miller (Wic Co Public Schools)</td> <td>Danielle Thomas (Wic Co LBHA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Penny Walters (Wor-Wic Comm College)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Polk (Wi Co LBHA)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>TREATMENT and RECOVERY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Stephen Silberman (Addiction Wellness Center)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Audrey Cash (SOBS)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wendy Nargiz (MCF)</td> <td>Heather Collins (COVE Recovery)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ivy McIntyre (St James AME)</td> <td>Krista Alexander (St James AME)</td> </tr> </table> <p>ENFORCEMENT and PUBLIC SAFETY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">John Dennis (Salisbury Fire Dept)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Chris Hopkins (Wic Co Emergency Services)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sherry Hostetler (Criminal Justice Academy)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jaime Greve (Wic Co Sheriff's Office)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>GUESTS</p> <p>Avery Meyer (Maryland Office of Overdose Response) Matthew Leitzel (Wic Co Executives Office)</p>			Jessica Taylor (WiCHD- LBHA)	Jovan Twilley (Salisbury University)	Katherine Jones (Bay Area Center for Indep Living)	Courtney Alley (Wicomico DSS)	Meredith Miller (Wic Co Public Schools)	Danielle Thomas (Wic Co LBHA)	Penny Walters (Wor-Wic Comm College)		Brian Polk (Wi Co LBHA)		Stephen Silberman (Addiction Wellness Center)	Audrey Cash (SOBS)	Wendy Nargiz (MCF)	Heather Collins (COVE Recovery)	Ivy McIntyre (St James AME)	Krista Alexander (St James AME)	John Dennis (Salisbury Fire Dept)	Chris Hopkins (Wic Co Emergency Services)	Sherry Hostetler (Criminal Justice Academy)		Jaime Greve (Wic Co Sheriff's Office)	
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crissy Bowie-Simpson welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves. ● Matthew McConaughy approved May meeting minutes and Meredith Miller carried. Meeting minutes were then unanimously approved. 	
<i>Opioid Restitution Fund Community Grant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matthew McConaughy shared about a potential funding opportunity that will be shared within the next couple of weeks. This will allow community organizations to apply for opioid restitution funds. ● The RFP will be listed on the Wicomico Health Department website once available. ● The maximum award amount will be listed in the RFP as well as the allowable expenses and goals of the project. 	
<i>Public Comment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No public comments. 	
<i>Event and Activity Updates</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overdose Remembrance video project is underway. Partnering with Tony Weeg to execute this project. Currently looking for those who have lost a loved one who may want to participate. We have some treatment providers, Salisbury Fire Dept, MD Coalition of families and some other partners to come and share their perspective. This filming will occur on 6/12/24. The premier of this video will play before the fireworks at the Tri-County Goes Purple kick-off. Through this planning process we have been reminded of the stigma that surrounds SUD's and overdose. Grief support will be onsite that day. ● Tri-County Goes Purple Kick-Off event will be held on 8/31/24 at the Shorebirds Stadium. Flyers have been ordered for that event. Each Health Dept will have a table at the event and each Go Purple project. Naloxone trainings and resources will also be on site. First pitch will be at 6:30 and the game starts at 7:05. Flyers have been ordered. If you would like any please contact Crissy Bowie-Simpson 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who volunteers at the event will receive a ticket for them and a guest. We do have a need for volunteers. • Shatter the Stigma Walk will be held on 9/28/24 at Wor-Wic Community College. We will have Cascading Carlos there and a DJ. We are currently looking for speakers to share their story of recovery at the event. Registration will open in July. There will be an opportunity for vendor tables at that event. The walking course will be ADA compliant and is family friendly. We do hope to have the Preston Truck there again this year. Crissy is waiting on confirmation if they are available. • OakRidge has informed the Go Purple team that they will not be able to hold the Rock for Recovery this year. At this time we are looking for another faith based partner. Crissy has an appt with Lyft Church next week to see if they may want to partner. • Harm Reduction Vending machine update was given. Salisbury University already has a machine on campus and has agreed to carry Naloxone in their machine. We are in the process of determining a vendor for the other machines that will be purchased. 	
<p>Agency Updates</p>	<p><i>Local Behavioral Health Authority- WiCHD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Thomas has joined the team and attended the meeting. She will be offering Academic Detailing and Naloxone trainings. • Local Overdose Fatality Team continues to meet. The Director of the detention center will now join the team. • Working with the detention center to assist them with satisfying the overdose response program requirement from the state. • 8/22/24 from 6:00-7:30p will be an Overdose Awareness Event. This will be scaled back this year to be more intimate. This will be held at Winterplace Park. • The state has begun sending a generic version of Naloxone. The manufacturer's name is Padagis. The boxes look different and they are not under the brand name "Narcan." This is still Naloxone and will be the same dosage, however it will look a bit different. <p><i>Addiction Wellness Centers</i></p>	

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- They are opening a new treatment center in Warrington VA. This is a male 3.1 house and they accept MD Medicaid.

Wicomico County Public Schools

- no updates at this time

Bay Area Center for Independent Living

- No updates at this time but shared that they appreciate the drug trend emails that are shared with the OPT Partners.

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

- MOOR is still working through the FY25 competitive grant proposals. They hope the determinations will be made soon.
- ORF Advisory Council has begun meeting again. The next meeting will be held on 7/29/24. Last week's meeting recording is available on their website. This includes information on a new data dashboard that should be available around the end of June.
- They did send out information regarding protections for those enrolled in a Syringe Service Program. This can be found on their website.

COVE Recovery

- They are offering a family therapy program that has received good feedback.

Criminal Justice Academy

- Will be doing outreach to local agencies to encourage officers to attend the CIT Trainings.

Wor-Wic Community College

- They will be hosting the Shatter the Stigma Walk on 9/28/24.
- They are working through some vending machine details. They are interested in having Naloxone in a vending machine on campus.
- Penny is working on applying for some grants to assist with SUD related programming.

Salisbury University- Community Opioid Program

- At this time they are working on applying for grant funds to be able to continue the program.

Dept of Emergency Services

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with the Paramedic Foundation to place AED's around the county. They shared that the first one will be placed at the Salisbury City Park. Naloxone will be added to these placed AED's. <p><i>Coastal Hospice SOBS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have hired a new social worker for the program. They are also now offering support groups in all four counties. Audrey Cash will send the flyers for all of these groups to Crissy to share out. <p><i>Department of Social Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have employment opportunities open in child welfare. There have been 9 substance exposed newborns since May. Results are showing that the majority is still marijuana. <p><i>Salisbury Fire Department</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salisbury Fire Dept responded to 4 overdoses in the month of May. They distributed 2 Naloxone kits last month. These were individuals who came to the department to request these kits. Jess asked for clarity on the leave behind. It was shared that some people are not taking the kit when offered and if the individual is not awake, they will not leave them. <p><i>St James Zion House</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no updates <p><i>Wicomico County Executive's Office</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no updates, however they wanted the group to know that they support the efforts of the OPT. <p><i>Maryland Coalition of Families</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no updates at this time. If you are running family support groups please share that information with Wendy. Crissy will connect the SOBS contact and Wendy Nargiz. 	
<p>Additional Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crissy shared that the survey from the MOOR office has changed slightly. Avery shared that the survey now reflects the five pillar areas of their office and focuses more on substance use related resources and activities. This survey will now be completed 2x per year versus quarterly. 	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>August 1, 2024 - 9:30-11:00 am- Hybrid</p>	



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	<p>801 North Salisbury Blvd. Suite 202 Salisbury MD 21804 or virtual via Google Meets link: meet.google.com/itd-grii-pgy **NO JULY MEETING**</p>
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