



Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2025

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

Motion was made to approve the August 6th, 2025 minutes. Motion 2nd. All approved.

William Webb, Health Officer - KCHD - We extend our gratitude to all partners involved in the Going Purple Initiative, which has achieved a notable public health triumph by reducing overdose fatalities in Kent County. Additionally, the Kent County webpage has been revamped for improved user-friendliness.

Please be advised that my official retirement as Health Officer will commence on October 1st.

Carla Thorpe, Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center - We've had success with the change in walk-in hours making it easier for people to access our program. There will be an alumni event on Sunday, September 21st from 12 to 3pm. Continuing to look at options for expansion opportunities with MSBH(Mid Shore Behavioral Health) and BHA.

Presenter: Andy Meehan - Kent Goes Purple

Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- Katie expressed gratitude for William Webb's leadership and support.
- September 27th, 2025 Going Purple Together a 5 county celebration, at Church Hill Park in Queen Anne's County, 11-2pm
- MSBH will host a Harm Reduction training at University of Maryland Shore Regional, Chestertown on September 18th. Training will cover the effects of metatomidine, xylazine, and other sedatives, also including information on stigma reduction and the importance of language in treating people who use drugs.

Overdose Stats - (Reported by Jennifer McCready) August 2025 1 non-fatal

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR) - 7 screenings, 2 enrolled in State Care Coordination, 2 went to recovery housing, 2 MDRN applications OFR meeting will be October 2nd at 9:00am

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Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIH - Kent Goes Purple signs have been placed around the community.

- Thanks to all that came to the Overdose Awareness event at Fountain Park on August 31st.
- "Two Sheets for Recovery" 6 drop off locations: Bigg Mixx's, Evergrain, YMCA, Play It Again Sam's in Chestertown; Twinny's in Galena, and Java Rock in Rock Hall. Collection will continue throughout September and baskets will be picked up mid October.
- RIM will be participating in the Kent Goes Purple 5k Color Run on Sunday, September 7th

Narcan, wound care kits, safe sex kits, hygiene kits, and various test strips are available at RIM. For questions and/or peer services you may call the No Harm In Helping phone 24/7 at 410-490-4175.

Christina Russell - DHS - START - 4 active cases, 3 in-home. 1 out of home.

Annette Duckery - Prevention - Stephanie Harris, a new responsible beverage server certified trainer, is available to conduct training sessions within the county. The high school continues to receive alcohol education and prescription safety classes.

Attended 3 events and handed out 700 educational materials.

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Record of Attendance

Andy Meehan, Annette Duckery, Anne Simpers, Ashley Strazza, Bobbie Jo Trossbach, Brian Pearsall, Brett Forrest, Brigitte Kealy, Carla Thorpe, Chloe Campbell, Christinia Russell, Desiree Rochester, Jaqueline Salb, Jennifer McCready, Judge John Nunn, Joanna McNamara, Kathryn Dilley, Kristi Smith, Lauren Searce, Lori Jacobs, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Minary's Dream Alliance, Rachael Carmody, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Tamara Stofa, Taylor Smith, Trish Todd, Van Hamlin, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, William Dwyer, William Webb

Next meeting date: October 1st, 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!