



Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2025

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

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

Carla Thorpe, Acting Health Officer/Director - A.F. Whitsitt Center -

- Crisis Beds are available 24/7 you can call 410-778-6400 and press 1.
- Walk-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday's 8:00 am - 12 noon
- Flu shots are still available at the Kent County Health Department
- The Managed Care Support position has been reposted.

Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- MSBH and Mid Shore Planning Collaborative will present their FY27 thru 29 community behavioral health plan on January 29th from 4 to 6 pm. Virtual or in-person meeting option in Easton.
- MDH welcomes informal public comments on the proposed regulations. Comments will be accepted through December 31st, 2025. mdh.maryland-model@maryland.gov

Pete Landon - Overdose Stats - No reported OD's for November

Melanie D. Jones-Dalziel - MDH - State Care Coordination/Overdose Fatality Review(OFR)

- 6 individuals screened
- 3 enrolled in State Care Coordination
- 3 went to recovery housing and received MDRN funding.
- 3 inpatient referrals from the Detention Center for treatment.

Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIIH -

- Narcan training was conducted at Washington College, with approximately 50 participants
- Brett and Desi participated in the Challenge Day at Kent County High School
- December 13th RIM will host a holiday breakfast. 10am -12pm All are WELCOME.
- December 19th, Peers will be at Java Rock in Rock Hall for Outreach.

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.

Chief Ron Dixon - Law Enforcement -

- A new Officer is participating in crisis intervention team(CIT) training in Salisbury
- One officer graduated from the police academy in November and is in field training. Scheduled for CIT training in March 2026.

Vandrick Hamlin - Kent County Public Schools - Winter Concert dates and locations

- Garnet Elementary - December 10th at Kent County High School
 - PreK-2 6:00pm
- Kent County Middle School - December 16th

- Concert 5:30pm
- KCHS - Seasonal Sensations Program
 - December 17th at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria
- Galena Elementary - December 18th
 - PreK-2 9:30am
 - Grades 3-5 1:30pm
- Rock Hall Elementary - December 18th
 - 9:30am and 2:30pm

Christina Russell - DHS - START -

- 8 families were serviced thru this calendar year
- 12 in-home cases, 8 families have at least one parent with parental substance use concerns
- A new plan to achieve early identification of START families within 14 days of referral

Annette Duckery - Prevention -

- 5 events, reached about 1200 community members and handed out about 700 educational materials
- November included Prevention Week at the high school, concluding with Challenge Day, with 81 students participating and 22 volunteers for the day.
- During Prevention Week, middle school students received a daily lesson in one of their classes, which was then followed by a related activity during the lunch period.
- Santa's Workshop with Parks and Rec on December 12th, 5-7:30pm
- Math and Magic at the high school on December 19th

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Record of Attendance

Christina Russell, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Kathryn Dilley, Chief Ronald Dixon, Lauren Searc, William Dwyer, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, Lori Jacobs, Brigitte Kealy, Pete Landon, Joanna Mack, Annette Duckery, Brett Forrest, Carla Thorpe, Desiree Rochester, Jennifer McCready, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Taylor Smith, Tamara Stofa, Brian Pearsall, Jacqueline Salb, Mariah Shupe, Ann Simpers, Sheriff Denise Hickman, Trish Todd

Next meeting date: January 7th, 2026 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!