

**Kent County
LDAAC
Meeting Minutes**

January 7th, 2026

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

Motion was made to approve the December 3rd, 2025 minutes. Motion 2nd. All approved.

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

- Respiratory Viruses are climbing. We encourage people to wear masks in patient care settings.
- Vaccinations are available at health departments, PCPs, or pharmacies.
- Funding from the Kent County ORF Grant was approved for a part-time person for 3.1 level services and to work towards becoming an OTP provider offering methadone services locally.

Presentation: Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Director www.linktr.ee/KCLMB

Kent County Local Management Board

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***Please see the attached presentation.**

Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- MSBH and Mid Shore Planning Collaborative will present their FY27-29 Community Behavioral Health plan on January 29th from 4 to 6 pm. Hybrid or in person, 28578 St. Mary's Court Ste. 1, Easton, MD 21601

Avery Meyer - Maryland Office of Overdose (MOOR) -

- FY25 report for ORF spending across the state was released

Brian Pearsall - Overdose Stats -

- 1 non fatal overdoses for December

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

- 10 individuals screened
- 7 enrolled in State Care Coordination
- 6 went to recovery housing and received MDRN funding.
- OFR Meeting to be determined
- RIM Center January - December 2025 Stat Highlights
 - 218 Transports 42 Events 2131 Attended 134 Peer-led Groups 1715 Attended Peer-led groups

Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIIH -

- January 8th Washington College Narcan Training
- January 16th Outreach at Play it Again Sam's 1-3pm
- January 19th CLOSED MLK Day
- Men's Group Wednesdays 4-5pm
- Women's Group Thursdays 4-5pm

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.

Law Enforcement -

Chief Ron Dixon

- 1 Officer has completed crisis intervention team(CIT) training. Another officer will complete training in March

Sheriff Dennis Hickman

- December 19th, 2025 "Shop with a Kid", allowed two students from each elementary school in the county to spend \$150 each. After shopping a fun time was had at the Community Center. This event was funded by Community donations.

Vandrick Hamlin - Kent County Public Schools -

- Students returned from Winter Break on 1/5/2026
- Schools will be closed on 1/19 MLK Day
- Early Dismissal on 1/22 and closed on 1/23 for Staff Professional Development Day

Annette Duckery - Prevention -

- 5 events, 380 community members reached, distributed 600 educational materials
- Cannabis Grant has been completed.

Taylor Smith - Midshore OMP Coordinator - Landing Page: <https://midshoreompp.org> or Facebook: midshoreompp

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Record of Attendance

Chrissy Chisolm, Christina Russell, Latonya Cotton, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Kathryn Dilley, Chief Ronald Dixon, Lauren Searce, Vandrick Hamlin, J Howard, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, Brigitte Kealy, Joanna Mack, Joanna McNamara, Annette Duckery, Brett Forrest, Carla Thorpe, Desiree Rochester, Jennifer McCready, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Taylor Smith, Avery Meyer, Tamara Stofa, Brian Pearsall, Ann Simperts, Ashley Strazza, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Rosie Granillo

Next meeting date: February 4th, 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!