

Kent County
LDAAC
Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2026

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

Motion was made to approve the January 7th, 2025 minutes. Motion 2nd. All approved.

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

- Respiratory Viruses are on a decline
- The Whitsitt Center experienced a dip in census figures during the holidays and into January. However, the census has been increasing again over the past few weeks.
- We have hired a new nurse manager. We are also actively recruiting for several other positions, including nurses, counselors, peers, and Community Health Outreach Workers (CHOWs).

Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- Mental Health Association of Maryland's Legislative Tracker
<http://206.162.241.152/MHAMDReport.html>
- Bill of Interest <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/SB0327?ys=2026RS>
- <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/SB0379?ys=2026RS>

Brian Pearsall - Overdose Stats -

- 0 overdoses for January

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

- 3 individuals screened
- 3 enrolled in State Care Coordination
- 2 went to recovery housing and received MDRN funding
- 2 warm transfers
- OFR Meeting to be determined

Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIIH -

- January 8th Washington College Narcan Training
 - 500 attendees
 - 240 boxes of Narcan distributed
- February 16th CLOSED Presidents' Day
- February 20th Outreach at Woodsedge in Fairlee 1-3pm
- Men's Group Wednesdays 4-5pm
- Women's Group Thursdays 4-5pm
- June 13th, 2026 BackYard Bash "SUMMER KICK OFF"

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.

Taylor Smith - Midshore OMP Coordinator - IRB approval has been received for the post social marketing campaign. Surveys will be sent out, we would like to capture as many responses as possible.

Natalie Hagan - Kent County Public Library - All public library branches now offer free sanitary products in their restrooms. Anyone who needs them can get them for free.

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Record of Attendance

Minary's Dream Alliance, Chloe Campbell, Latonya Cotton, Christina Russell, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Kathryn Dilley, Chief Ronald Dixon, Lauren Scarce, William Dwyer, Natalie Hagan, Vandrick Hamlin, Vanessa Halloway Truxon, Lori Jacobs, Brigitte Kealy, Joanna Mack, Brett Forrest, Carla Thorpe, Desiree Rochester, Jennifer McCready, Leland Spencer, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Taylor Smith, Tamara Stofa, Brian Pearsall, Jacqueline Salb, Mariah Shupe, Ann Simperts, Trish Todd, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Shawn Hart

Next meeting date: March 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!