

Kent County
LDAAC
Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2026

Welcome/Introductions – Jennifer McCready, Director Community Addictions Services

Motion was made to approve the February 4th, 2026 minutes. Motion 2nd. All approved.

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

- Carla Thorpe is officially the new Kent County Health Officer “CONGRATULATIONS!”

Presentation: Kristy Conklin, CAC-AD, RPS

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Katie Dilley & Team - Mid Shore Behavioral Health -

- Eastern Shore Behavioral Coalition will present to our Eastern Shore Delegation
 - <http://206.162.241.152/MHAMDRreport.html>
- Across the Lifespan Conference April 24th, 2026 @ Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michaels, MD
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-across-the-lifespan-conference-tickets-1984098291400?aff=oddtcreator>
- Rural Advancement for Maryland Peers(RAMP) grant was received. A part-time position for 25 hours a week for a program coordinator will be offered.
 - For more information email: astrazza@midshorebehavioral.org
- April 10th, 2026 Good Samaritan Training at St. Michaels Community Center

Pete Landon - Kent County Office of Emergency Services, (Overdose Stats)

- 0 overdoses for February

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

- 9 individuals screened for State Care Coordination
- 5 went to recovery housing and received MDRN funding
- 0 overdose fatality reviews

Brett Forrest - RIM/OPT/NHIH -

- Outreach
 - March 13th at Bigg Mixx's
 - March 24th at Worton Community Center
- Challenge Day at Kent County Middle School, March 19th, 20226
- Men's Group Wednesdays 4-5pm
- Women's Group Thursdays 4-5pm
- Resource Fair at Kent County Middle School, March 21st, 2026
- 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.

Chief Ronald Dixon - Law Enforcement

- Critical Incident Stress Management Training will be offered at the end of March for support of those that go through critical incidents at the Chestertown Fire Company

Annette Duckery - Prevention

- 6 people were trained in RBS and Compliance
 - A list of trainings can be found on https://www.kentcounty.com/government/departments/board_of_license_commissioners/alcohol_awareness_information
- Age of purchase ID Guides have been received and will be distributed throughout the county
- Cannabis Grant and Needs assessment has been completed
 - 100 adults and 100 youths completed the survey
- Challenge Day at Kent County Middle School on March 19th
- Resource Fair at Kent County Middle School on March 21st 10am to 2pm

Taylor Smith - Midshore OMP Coordinator -

Attached Surveys

- Talking with Your Healthcare Providers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FF6LCGS>
- Safe Storage and Disposal: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F3LNPGD>
- Access to Treatment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F3V72WQ>

Christina Russell - DHS - START -

- A position for a START worker at DSS is currently available.

New News & Other Information

Latonya Cotton -Kenah One Health Care Services

- Opening new Methadone Clinic
 - New Medical Director
 - Onsite Prescriber
 - Dosing Nurse
 - Hours: Monday-Friday 6am-12pm Saturdays 6am-10am

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Record of Attendance

Minary's Dream Alliance, Kristy Conklin, Latonya Cotton, Kathryn Dilley, Chief Ronald Dixon, Annette Duckery, Brett Forrest, Vandrick Hamlin, Vanessa Holloway Truxon, J Howard, Melanie Jones-Dalziel, Pete Landon, Jennifer McCready, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Brian Pearsall, Corey Reid, Desiree Rochester, Christina Russell, Jacqueline Salb, Lauren Searce, Taylor Smith, Leland Spencer, Tamara Stofa, Ashley Strazza, Bobbie Jo Trossbach, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Judge John Nunn, Lori Jacobs, Rosie

Next meeting date: April 1st, 2026 Virtual

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