HR Community Advisory Board

Minutes 12/8/21

In Person/Virtual via Google Meet

In Attendance: Zach K, Jack L, Greg F, Kelci R, Meg K, Sandi G, Craig M, Austin T, Erin W, Karen F, Jack K, Linda S, Linda B, Conor R, Jon F, Katie L

1. Introductions  
2. HCHD Updates:

* MDH is currently dealing with a cyber-attack that has impacted some local health departments. HCHD was impacted.
* Omicron was detected in Maryland

3. Presentation on Overdose Prevention Sites (see attached Slides):

* + Also called Overdose Prevention Center (OPCs), Safer Consumption Sites (SCS, Supervised Drug Consumption Facilities (SCFs), Drug Consumption Rooms (DCRs), Safer Drug Use Services (SDUs), and/or Safer Injections (SIFs)
  + Drug Policy Alliance, Bridges Coalition
  + OPS Sites increase:
    - Justice, health, connection, safety, dignity
  + OPS is an evidence proven intervention
  + Models of OPS
    - Stand Alone Fixed Site, Integrated service, Mobile unit, Tent/Pop-up, Original Unsanctioned
  + OPS in The US
    - Philadelphia (2018), Rhode Island (2021), NYC (2021)
  + OPS in Maryland
    - SB279/HB396

4. Open Discussion:

* The viability of OPS in rural communities
* Funding sources for OPS

5. Announcements

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday January 12, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.