

Harford County MOOR (Maryland Office of Overdose Response) Opioid Prevention Team (OPT)

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Meeting Minutes | January 28, 2024 | 9:30-10:30 AM Hybrid

Harford County Department of Emergency Services (DES) Call-in Information:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/njr-qazc-kjt Or dial:

(US) +1 417-355-8315 PIN: 904 702 299#

- Call to Order
- OPT Quick Facts
 - Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) → Overdose Prevention Team (OPT)
 - Shift in focus from opioids to all overdoses
 - Must comply with the Open Meetings Act
- Overdose Prevention Team Updates
 - Review of OPT Annual Survey
 - Question 1: Please share any positive outcomes from OPT related collaboration in the year 2024.
 - Question 2: Share your barriers regarding OPT meetings, reporting, and collaboration.
 - Only two questions were received, highlighting the need to strengthen team engagement.
 - FY 2025 MOOR Block Grant Program
 - The Health Department acts as the grant monitor for this block grant
 - Minimum allocation of \$75,000 per jurisdiction
 - o Priorities: prevention, harm reduction treatment, recovery, and public safety
 - \$150,367 awarded to Harford County. To enhance peer recovery support services and address critical SUD needs in Harford County
 - Performance Metric YTD: met target goal of referrals (546 referrals)
 - Link to full PDF of FY2025 MOOR Grant
 - Discussion points for Team: Addressing gaps and effectiveness, suggesting new initiatives, call to action.
 - Planning for FY 2026 Block Grant
 - o Anticipated Timeline: Submissions likely due by the end of April 2025
 - Local Overdose Fatality Review Team (LOFRT) Action Items
 - o No specific action items were provided during the OPT.

Harford County Overdose Data

- Review of Calendar Year 2024
 - Data Source office of Chief Medical Examiner, Vital Statistics Administration
 - Significant decrease from 151 deaths in 2018 to 74 in 2020
 - 42% decrease in fatal overdoses, 81 in 2023 to 47 in 2024
 - o Demographics: highest percentages in 26-35 year old's (30%)
 - Fentanyl was the most common with the emergence of Xylazine and a decrease in alcohol related overdoses in 2024

MOOR Announcements

- FY 2026 Competitive Grant Program
 - Application deadline February 28, 2025.
 - o Information Session on January 31, 2025, from 2-3 PM.
 - o Virtual Meeting Link: Join Here
- Upcoming MACS Training Opportunities
 - Decreasing treatment disparities in African Americans with OUD: January 20,
 2025 from 12-1 PM. Aliya Jones
 - o Optimizing Pharmacy Partnerships for OUD. February 6, 2025 from 12-1 PM.
 - MACS for MOMS. Supporting mental health providers in addressing substance use disorders.

• Community Member Comments and Updates

- Is there any data regarding people on painkillers and for some reason they are unable to obtain them, vs people who simply get painkillers from the street? No specific data is available.
- What are safe stations? Fire depts, and sheriffs, work together to create a space for crisis intervention. People can walk in and sit down (stay there) and take care of them and refer them out to where they need to go to get help. Can also dispose of paraphernalia properly.

• Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings: March 25, 2025, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Harford County DES 2220 Addy Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050