

Baltimore City's Overdose Prevention Team (OPT)

March 22, 2024

Title	Overdose Prevention Team		
Meeting Date	March 22, 2024	Meeting Time	1:00pm
Chair	Jennifer Martin	Meeting Location	Microsoft Teams
Co-Chair	Brittney Spencer		
Minute Taker	Brittney Spencer	Next Meeting Date	June 28, 2024

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Status
Brittney Spencer	BCHD	✓
Emma Kniola	BCHD	✓
Jennifer Martin	BCHD	✓
Charrica Green	BCHD	✓
Rania Mohamed	BCHD	✓
Robert Harris	BCHD	✓
Raymond Bartock	BCFD	✓
Bryan Johnson	BCFD	✓
Timothy Cullen	BCFD	✓
James Matz	BCFD	✓
Michelle Smith	BCFD	✓
Psalms Rojas	BHSB	✓
Daniel Jarvis	BHSB	✓
Devin Waters	BHSB	✓
Tiffinee Scott	MPAC	✓
LaTawnya Stallworth	DPP	✓
Philip Wells	DEA	✓
Neil Bonzagni	FDA	✓
Avery Meyer	MOOR/MDH	✓

Agenda

- Updates from the State
- Funding Opportunities
- Presentation: My Sidewalk Dashboard
- Discussion: Strategic Plan for the Overdose Prevention Team (OPT)
- Comments and Updates from Community
- Next steps and closing



Minutes

- I. Opening and Introductions:
 - a. Agenda overview provided by Brittney.
 - b. Reminder that the meeting is being recorded for note-taking purposes.
 - c. Jennifer Martin provided remarks and updates from BCHD as the Commissioner of Health's designee

- II. Updates from the State:
 - a. Brittney provided updates on the revised executive order, renaming the Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC) to the Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR). Local name changes as well, from Opioid Intervention Teams (OIT) to Overdose Prevention Teams (OPT).
 - b. Changes under the new executive order discussed
 1. From OIT to OPT
 2. New priorities
 3. Reporting modifications
 4. Expanded representations within the group
 5. Comply with the Open Meetings Act
 - c. Continuation of aligning with the OFR and taking recommendations into consideration

- III. Funding Opportunities:
 - a. Brittney discussed block grant funding supporting the "Healthcare on the Spot" mobile health van and health department staff roles.
 1. No questions or concerns raised by committee members

- IV. Presentation: My Sidewalk Dashboard:
 - a. Emma presented an overview of the dashboard containing annual data on fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Baltimore City.
 - b. Data sources, trends, demographic impacts, substance involvement, and resources were highlighted.
 - c. Neil expressed interest in utilizing dashboard data (in his role as a volunteer), for community outreach efforts in Frederick County, pending jurisdictional considerations.
 1. Brittney explained that the information on the data on the dashboard is specific for Baltimore City, but we could help with getting them outreach materials to use.

- V. Strategic Plan for OPT:
 - a. Jennifer announced plans for revisiting and updating the OPT's strategic plan.
 1. The objective is for the plan to accurately reflect the needs of our communities and assist those actively working to address them.
 - b. Discussions emphasized stakeholder feedback, membership compliance under the new executive order, and the OPT's role in informing city leadership and planning for the city to address the overdose crisis.

- VI. Community Comments and Updates:
 - a. Avery provided additional updates from the state:
 1. MOOR/MDH wrapped Town Hall visits to all Maryland Jurisdictions
 - b. BHSB: Community Day at the Y Drug safety day event April 27, 2024 (11am-2pm)
 - c. None raised during the meeting.

- VII. Conclusion and Next Steps:

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- a. Brittney reiterated the importance of the My Sidewalk Dashboard as a data reference for the OPT's work.
- b. Jennifer emphasized the OPT's evolving role under new leadership and the upcoming strategic planning process.

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting concluded with plans for future communication and collaboration.

Action Steps

- BCHD staff to coordinate stakeholder feedback for strategic plan development.
- Onboard OPT/Stakeholder Manager
- Emma to update dashboard content as needed and communicate changes to partners.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2024

1:00-2:00 PM

Microsoft Teams