

**Overdose Prevention Policy Group**  
**Wednesday, December 3, 2025 (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**  
**Carroll County Health Department - Hybrid**

Meeting ID  
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**Agenda**

**Motion to Open Meeting:** Sue Doyle, Health Officer

**Welcome/Introductions/Guest** (5 min) Sue Doyle, Health Officer  
Introduction of Martha Stuart, DHHO

Reminder of Open Meeting Act

Meetings will be recorded and posted on our website

**Review and approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Sue Doyle

**Commissioner Updates:** Commissioner

**Maryland Office of Overdose Response** Avery Meyer

**Review of HIDTA Overdose Data** Brooke Fox

**Presentations from Targeted Abatement Grant recipients**  
1. Carroll County Sheriff's Office-MAT program  
2. Mountain Manor-Vendor for MAT program in the CCDC  
3. Westminster City (Chief Price/Captain Jason Jones)

**LBHA Updates:** Marie Liddick

Funding for FY27  
Prioritization exercises-Round 2

**Prevention Updates** Brooke Fox  
Prevention Initiatives:  
-Abatement Grant  
-Academic Detailing  
-Safe Storage/Disposal  
-Lock and Talk  
-Cannabis Grant

**Close SOP Meeting/ Open BHAC meeting** Sue Doyle/Stephanie Halley

**Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)**

1. Crisis Services/CIT Updates
2. Special Populations Updates
3. Carelon/COMAR/Licensing Updates
4. LBHA Strategic Plan

Veronica Dietz  
Amy Baker  
Susan Richardson  
Marie Liddick

**Updates: Open floor for comments**

**Motion to Close Meeting:**

Stephanie Halley

### **Upcoming Meetings- Hybrid at CCHD Multipurpose Room**

- **Opioid Prevention Coalition: January 14, 2026 9-11am**
- **Nicotine and Cannabis Prevention Coalitions: December 10, 2025 9-11am**
- **Suicide Prevention Coalition: December 18, 2025 1-2:30pm**

### **Future Meeting Dates – 2026 Dates**

- **March 4, 2026**
- **June 3, 2026**

## **Abbreviations and Definitions**

**MOOR-** Maryland Office of Overdose Response- Overdose Prevention Team- PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS  
**OCCC-** Opioid Operational Command Center change

**OIT-** Opioid Intervention Team

<https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/state-approves-opioid-intervention-team-plans-for-all-24-local-jurisdictions/>

**OPPG- Overdose Prevention Policy Group-** A merged group of senior leaders in the community is coming together to represent the OPT for the county. The group merged with BHAC, and now, both meetings are held together. OPT- Overdose Prevention Teams (formerly known as Opioid Intervention Teams) are responsible for developing a local strategy to reduce overdoses in their communities and hosting meetings to discuss updates. Teams bring together representatives from various local agencies to identify gaps in resources, share relevant data, and promote collaboration.

**BHAC- Behavioral Health Advisory Council-** Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) was established per Title 10, Subtitle 3, Part II of the Health General article of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the provision of joint existing Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Committees. The two advisory committees were merged into the BHAC through County legislation in December 2018. The BHAC works with the Local Behavioral Health Authority to:

- Monitor, review, and evaluate the adequacy of publicly funded behavioral health services within the County
- Determine the needs of the county behavioral health system, including quality of services, gaps in the system, and interagency coordination
- Participate in the development of the local behavioral health plan and budget and make

recommendations

- Prepare and disseminate an annual report to the required parties

**LBHA- Local Behavioral Health Authority-** The Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring publicly funded behavioral health services in Carroll County. This includes planning for service development, encouraging providers to develop and deliver a full range of treatment and rehabilitation services for persons with mental illness or substance use disorders, and working with the Behavioral Health Administration, Office of Health Care Quality, and Administrative Service Organization to investigate complaints and monitor the delivery of services. Additionally, the LBHA works to ensure people have access to needed services, educates the public about mental health and substance abuse, hosts training to enhance the skills of behavioral health providers, and advocates with other agencies on behalf of individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

**HOW-CCHD Health on Wheels-** An RV for Carroll County Health Department that will be traveling throughout the County at various locations to provide services to those that are, for various reasons, unable to travel to the Health Department. Including but not limited to Hepatitis and HIV testing, Blood pressure checks, harm reduction, food resources, sexually transmitted infections, etc. Health Education about access services at the Health Department and access transportation if eligible.

**AOT- Assisted Outpatient Treatment-**

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“AOT” means a specific regimen of outpatient treatment for a “serious and persistent mental illness” to which an individual is ordered by the court to adhere. The director of a specified mental health program or any individual who is at least age 18 and has a legitimate interest in the welfare of the respondent may petition a circuit court as specified for AOT. A petition for AOT must be in writing, signed by the petitioner, and state (1) the petitioner’s name, address, and relationship to the respondent; (2) the name and any known address of the respondent; (3) that the petitioner has reason to believe the respondent meets the criteria for AOT; and (4) the specific factual allegations for each criterion supporting the petitioner’s belief.

**Harm Reduction:** Harm reduction is an evidence-based approach that is critical to engaging with people who use drugs and equipping them with life-saving tools and information to create positive change in their lives and potentially save their lives. Harm reduction is a key pillar in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#). Harm reduction emphasizes engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission; improve physical, mental, and social well-being; and offer low-barrier options for accessing health care services, including substance use and mental health disorder treatment. <https://www.samhsa.gov/substance-use/harm-reduction>

**Triage (Crisis Beds)**

SOR Bed Crisis Services: Crisis services that are embedded within an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 3.7WM (withdrawal management) residential treatment facility as a short-term service delivery model of care that will provide stabilization and de-escalation services, a toxicology screening (urinalysis), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment for **Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders**, recovery support, and safety planning. The provision of these services should not exceed four days.

SOR Crisis Beds shall only be implemented in a licensed and accredited ASAM Level 3.7WM Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Program. The program must offer both non-medication and

medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) experiencing a behavioral health crisis.