

Frederick County Overdose Prevention Team Meeting

Minutes

April 16, 2025

Attendees:

Jessica Chausky, FCHD BHS
Avery Myer, MOOR
Stephanie Shapiro, FCHD BHS
Matt Burgan, DFRS
Andrea Walker, FCHD BHS
Matt Albertson, FPD
Michelle Marshall, FCHD BHS
Jay Hessler, FCHD BHS (presenter on PCEs)

➤ Quarterly Updates/Discussion provided on the below:

-Public Meetings Act compliance- If presentations contain data, having presentation tailored in a way that can be shared with meeting minutes viewed by public (no confidential information shared) Minutes and Agendas for OPT shared on website

<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/741/Overdose-Prevention-Team-Meetings>

-Presentation on Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) by Jay Hessler. Connection with Academic Detailing discussed.

<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/740/Positive-Childhood-Experiences>

Naloxone boxes: FY25 Quarter 3, The program was expanded to include three additional locations. They include two additional library locations at Urbana Regional and Middletown Branch libraries and one at Centro Hispano de Frederick.

Rapid Analysis of Drugs (RAD): Frederick County has had one sample positive for BTMPS in March 2025 (the chemical used as a light stabilizer in plastic materials) and we have also seen fentanyl laced bath salts (reported by the participant to look like blue powder and known to have come from Florida) in March 2025.

Discussion about the presence of medetomidine in neighboring jurisdictions.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD): the program recently completed a 3-year data review and self-assessment survey with the National Support Bureau for program evaluation.

Key results from FPD related to the LEAD program and crime stats:

Key Results (2019–2024):

Drug Complaints: 355 (2019) → 24 (2024), a 93% reduction

Loitering: 115 (2019) → 9 (2024), a 92% reduction

Overdoses: 60 (2019) → 4 (2024), a 93% reduction

Alcohol Complaints: 133 (2019) → 2 (2024), a 99% reduction

Municipal Infractions: 35 (2019) → 7 (2024), an 80% reduction

FPD data update slides provided by Matthew Albertson (FPD Overdose and Awareness Coordinator). Matt reported he would be out of the office at the end of the month and individuals should contact Sgt. Scott Grigsby during his absence if needed.

Matt Burgan provided update on the evolved role of Emergency medical services and COAST. Discussed vending machines previously placed as well as vending machine placed at FCHD five weeks ago that also includes cable gun locks. Stats provided on usage of each machine.

MOOR update provided by Avery Myer- Grant proposals are due 4/30/25. Decisions tentatively by end of May. Links provided in chat for State ORF awards summary and strategic plan (see links below).

<https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2025/03/FY25-ORF-State-Discretionary-Abatement-Awards.pdf>

<https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2025/02/Maryland-Overdose-Response-Strategy.pdf>

Upcoming presentations:

July 2025- Suicide prevention/Substance use/construction industry

Spike in a box Pilot

LEAD survey Deep dive- Ellis/Corbett

Next scheduled meeting date: July 16, 2025 11am-12pm via Microsoft Teams