

# Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Advisory Council

## Minutes – November 9, 2023, Via Teams

**Voting Members:** Elyse Grossman, Isabelle Raquin, Margaret Mattson, Laura Mitchell.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Arnecia Moody, Dr. Rolando Santiago, Pam Abramson, Lt. Peter Davidov, Celia Serkin, Jody Childers & Sara Rose.

**Guests:** Dr. Raimee Eck, *Chair of the Maryland Alcohol Tobacco and Cannabis Network.*

**Welcome:** Chair called meeting to order 7:04. There was no Quorum present; Oct.12, 2023 Minutes were not Approved.

- ✚ Chair introduced Presenter Dr. Raimee Eck, who presented a thorough presentation: “*Cannabis Legalization in Maryland, A Brief look from a Public Health Perspective*”. The presentation was emailed to Members. Dr. Eck will also be joining AODAAC as a Member of the Public.

### I. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Met from 6-7pm

#### Legislative & Communication Committee (Chair Reported)

- Maryland General Assembly Senators Priorities Meeting 11/13/2023.
- Newsletter still pending; working with Dr. Santiago to assist in its inception. This is a Education tool not a Advising tool.
- On the agenda for certain County Council meetings March / April, as it relates to funding for AODAAC and the County.
- Legislative retreat January 11, 2023 (*IN PERSON*) to discuss Bills going before the Maryland General Assembly. This meeting will be held at 401 Hungerford conference room 6pm-9pm. Solely for Executive Board members but Ex Officio Members are welcomed to attend.

#### Training & Outreach Committee (Laura Mitchell reported)

- More Cannabis/ Marijuana focused Outreach & Training needed. Should be doing more for Education and Outreach.
- Impacts of trauma and understanding the pathways how to get help. Still, something in process.
- How to get people to come out and what topics to present, still a challenge.

### II. County Reports:

**Department of Health & Human Services (Dr. Rolando Santiago)** Full report emailed to Members.

- Chart highlighting overdose deaths by jurisdiction in Maryland.
- Hospital Partnerships
- Maryland Treatment Center to open.
- Towne Hall Meeting with Secretary Keller was great “Tremendous day”!

**Local Behavioral Health Authority:** (Sara Rose)

- RFP's -RIP beds
- Shepard Pratt Wellness & Recovery closing December 1, 2023; Current RIP out for reopening.
- Steer program is up for RFP
- ASAM Criteria American Society of Addiction Medicine. A guide to determine treatment will be updated/ changing to Level 4. A lot more emphasis on co-occurring disorders in the new edition.

**Police Department:** Lt. Davidov (Full report emailed to Members)

- Referenced Chart highlighting Overdose deaths; the chart does not account for the number of Non-Fatal Overdoes due to Narcan distribution. This is an issue.

**Alcohol Beverage Services: Jody Childers (Report emailed to Members)**

- Alcohol campaign on buses
- Targeting youth and underage drinking
- December will start the KISS Video Conference.

**Montgomery County Public Schools: Kyle Potter (Report emailed to Members)**

- Girl's Summit Event, over 1,000 people. Great day! Had Mental Health and Substance use Awareness.
- Trained ~50 people Narcan use, Fire Department ~ 50 people and to date distributed 733 Narcan doses this year.
- MCPS one Narcan use this year.

**Correction And Rehabilitation:** No Report

**HHS Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction:** No Report.

**Board Of License Commissioners:** No Report

**Mental Health Advisory Committee:** (Celia Serkin) Full Report was emailed to Members.

- Toured Avery Road Treatment Center 11/7/23. Meghan Westwood, Executive Director provided the tour and highlighted all programs Detox Unit and Outpatient.

**Commission on Health:** No Report

**III. Public Comment:** No one present.

**IV. Old Business:** None

**V. New Business:**

- (Sara Rose) Discussion for the LBHA Plan, small group collaboration with AODAAC and MHAC. Report is due January 2024. More information to come.
- (Laura Mitchell) The State's Attorney's Office, MCPS, and MCCPTA are running a Speak Up Save a Life Video contest. Due Nov 17th. Earn 10 SSL hours and top prize is \$1,000 (750 & 500 2nd/3rd) thanks to a generous donor, Magnolia Plumbing. <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-leadership/speakup-savealife/>

**Meeting Adjourned** - 8:42 p.m.

Happy Holidays!

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Next Meeting Dec. 14, 2023**