



**Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Act of 2017 (HB 1082, Chapter 573)  
Start Talking Maryland  
Behavioral and Substance Abuse Programs and Services Workgroup**

Thursday, August 10, 2017  
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 2

Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building  
Maryland State Department of Education  
200 West Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201

**Purpose:** Chapter 573 requires the State Department of Education to convene a workgroup of local health officers, behavioral and substance abuse disorder counselors and therapists, representatives of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, AFT-Maryland and other interested stakeholders to:

- Evaluate (Review) programs that provide behavioral and substance abuse disorder services in the public schools in the State
- develop proposals to expand the programs evaluated (reviewed) to other jurisdictions, if appropriate, including recovery schools
- on or before December 2017 report its findings and recommendation to the General Assembly

***Meeting #1***

**Meeting Outcomes:**

- Evaluate (Review) programs that provide behavioral and substance abuse disorder services in the public schools in the State

**Agenda:**

- Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview (1:00 pm – 1:15 pm)
- Overview of the Heroin and Opiate initiative in Maryland (1:15 pm-1:30 pm)
- Review of the Heroin and Opiate Education and Community Act of 2017 (1:30 pm-1:40 pm)
- Workgroup Purpose—Rationale, Activities, Outcomes (1:40 pm-1:50 pm)
- Discussion /Reviewing programs and services data (2:00 pm-2:50pm)
- Recovery Schools (2:45 pm-3:00pm)
- Public Comments (3:00 pm-3:30pm)
- Wrap Up / Next Steps (3:30 pm)

## **Meeting Minutes:**

*Members in attendance:* Albert Zachik, Maryland Department of Health; Barbara Brookmyer, Frederick County Health Department; Denise Gomez, Family Services, Inc.; Earl Stoner, Washington County Health Department; Jenelle Meyer, Allegany County Health Department; Meenakshi Brewster, St. Mary's County Department of Health; Rebecca Bonner, The Bridge Way School; Walter Sallee, the MSDE; Lynne Muller, the MSDE; Reginald Burke, the MSDE; Michael Muempfer, the MSDE; Jonathan Turner, the MSDE; Deborah Nelson, the MSDE; Carol Beck, the MSDE; and Maura Taylor, Maryland State Education Association

*Members of the Public:* Tiffany Clark, Dawana Sterrette, Rachael Faulkner, and Patricia Swanson

## **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

Walter Sallee, Director of Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Dr. Lynne Muller, Section Chief for Student Services and School Counseling Specialist for the MSDE welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

## **Overview of the Heroin and Opiate initiative in Maryland**

Mr. Sallee reviewed the Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Act of 2017 and explained the purpose, focus, and requirements for the workgroup. Mr. Sallee explained and reviewed the timeline for the workgroup's deliverables to the State Board of Education and Maryland General Assembly. The most notable deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sallee reviewed the contents of the resource folders provided to all the workgroup members

Mr. Sallee explained that the workgroup meetings are open meetings and are thus open to the public to attend.

Mr. Sallee and Dr. Muller initiated introductions for all those that attended in person and participated via phone conference.

## **Review of the Heroin and Opiate Education and Community Act of 2017**

Dr. Muller reviewed the workgroup's agenda explaining the key topics for the first meeting. Dr. Muller introduced Mr. Reginald Burke, Specialist, School Completion and Alternative Programs for the MSDE, who presented on the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCC).

## **Opioid Operational Command Center Presentation**

Mr. Burke explained the work of the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCC) initiated by Governor Hogan by reading aloud and displaying through a powerpoint presentation. Mr. Burke covered the primary objectives of the OCC, the data and information they are collecting, and how that information is being shared in a timely manner with the local school systems. Mr. Burke further explained the current structure of the OCC highlighting the important sections that are responsible for the development and implementation of the State's action plan. Mr. Burke shared statistics on opioid-related fatal overdoses in the State dating back from 2015 to the present day. Mr. Burke displayed the link for the *Before It's Too Late* website where more information can be found on heroin and opioid resources.

The main powerpoint for the first meeting, including Mr. Burke's slides and the link to the *Before It's Too Late* website, can be found at the link for the [Behavioral and Substance Abuse Programs and Services Workgroup](#).

### **Review of the Heroin and Opiate Education and Community Act of 2017 (continued)**

Dr. Muller reviewed the legislation for the Heroin and Opiate Education and Community Act of 2017 pointing out the specific elements the workgroup, local school systems, and the MSDE would be responsible for under the Act. The legislative document reviewed by Dr. Muller can be found at the link for the [Behavioral and Substance Abuse Programs and Services Workgroup](#). Dr. Muller explained what data would be collected from the local school systems by the MSDE. Dr. Muller discussed the heroin and opioid education elements that will be mandated for local school systems to address within the different grade bands through health education classes during the school year.

### **Workgroup Purpose—Rationale, Activities, Outcomes**

Dr. Muller explained the key tasks of the workgroup:

- Evaluate (review) programs that provide behavioral and substance abuse disorder services in the public schools in the State.
- Develop proposals to expand the programs evaluated (reviewed) under item (1) to other jurisdictions, if appropriate, including recovery schools

Dr. Muller provided directions for the first workgroup activity. The workgroup was asked to perform a gallery walk to provide key terms and comments related to prevention, intervention, and postvention. Special considerations and talking points that developed from the gallery walk activity include:

- The spectrum of prevention, intervention, and postvention
- Alternative language, words, and phrases related to treatment and recovery
- Primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of support and action for prevention, intervention, and postvention
- The role of community partners and resources
- The role of school-based partners and resources
- Evidence-based programming
- Program models and characteristics

Dr. Muller briefly adjourned the workgroup for a small break at 2:05 PM.

Dr. Muller resumed the meeting with the workgroup at 2:05 PM.

The workgroup reviewed an example survey for collecting data on behavioral and substance abuse programs and services. Dr. Muller displayed and walked through the online survey question-by-question receiving feedback from the workgroup. The workgroup provided feedback on the structure and language of certain questions that will be used for future edits and revisions.

### **Recovery Schools**

Dr. Muller introduced Rebecca Bonner from Bridge Way School in Philadelphia to report on recovery schools. Ms. Bonner shared important information regarding the historical context, program structure, services, and day-to-day routines of recovery schools. She answered questions for the workgroup following her presentation.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Sallee asked if anyone in attendance from the public had any comments to share. No one wished to share a comment.

### **Wrap Up / Next Steps**

Dr. Muller shared that the survey will be updated in survey monkey and then sent to the workgroup so they can forward to their identified parties for completion.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Muller officially closed the meeting and dismissed the group at 2:55 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Maryland State Department of Education, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 6 (Topic: Expansion of programs)

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