



Annapolis Substance Abuse Prevention

June 21, 2022 | Meeting Agenda

Annapolis Police Department

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting Lunch Provided*

1. Welcome & Introductions *Angel Traynor* Total Attendance \approx 30

- *Angel Traynor, Serenity Sistas*
Director, Coordinators of RAA, ASAP, & South County Bridges
- *Leslie Beers, ASAP & South County Bridges* Coordinator
- *Mindi Garrett, AACDOH*
Preventions Coalitions Coordinator
- *Judy Buddensick, CEO Frances Marketing* **Media Sector Rep**
- *Nicole Vaden, APD Acting*
Lieutenant
- *Mitchelle Stephenson, Public Information Officer of Mayor's Office*
- *Cate Pettit, Mayor's Chief of Staff*
- *Ryan Chamberlain, Uplift Recovery Homes* **Business Sector Rep**
- *Reverend Jerry Colbert, APD Chaplain & John Wesley UMC* **Religious Org. Rep**
- *Cassie Davis, Serenity Sistas*
- *Marva Fosque-Greene,*
Community Member
- *MK Sebrowski, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)*
- *Drake Smith, OEM Intern*
- *Portia Fernandez, OEM Intern*
- *Tiyana P. & Kelli K. from Office of Delegate Shaneka Henson*
- *Justin Noel, AACDOH OMPP*
Coordinator
- *Cpt. Aaron Edwards, AFD*
- *Jennifer Navabi, Office of Senator Sarah Elfreth*
- *State Senator Sarah Elfreth*
- *Marot Williamson, Assistant State's Attorney*
- *Lydia McPherson, Office of Delegate Dana Jones*
- *Erin Lee, City of Annapolis Social Work Care* Coordinator
- *Keith Haynie, Gaudenzia*
- *Dania Blair,*
- *Pastor Sheryl Menendez, Director of RCDC & H2O Youth Clubhouse* **Youth-Serving Organization Rep**
- *Erica Griswold, City of Annapolis Community Services* Coordinator
- *Andreina Fonseca, Strengthening Families* Supervisor
- *Alderwoman Elly Tierney, City Council, Ward 1*
- *Marte Brinbaum, Pathways Luminis Health* **Healthcare Professional Rep**
- *Chelsea Neil, Pathways Luminis Health*
- *Darin Ford, Adolescent & Family Services* **Parent Sector Rep**

**Note: Sector Reps are coalition members who have agreed to represent one of the 12 community sectors according to the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant. If you are interested in representing a sector, learning more about the DFC, or becoming more involved in the coalition, please contact Leslie Beers, ASAP's Coordinator at asap@PreventSubstanceMisuse.org*

2. Capacity Building Angel Traynor

- *Capacity building and sustainability is of high focus going into Fiscal Year 2023 (starting in July 2022 through June 2023). ASAP has applied for the Drug Free Communities Grant (DFC) the past 3 years; this was the year we thought we would receive it after reviewing our past applications, feedback, and working with a consultant, but unfortunately some technical issues ended up holding us back at the very last minute. Our goal is to spend this fiscal year preparing. We are, and have been, a strong coalition with the support of various community members and leaders within Annapolis. As we try to recover post COVID with the rest of the world, we are looking for volunteers to help lead this coalition to success. We ask for your help in raising coalition awareness, attending monthly meetings as often as your time allows, and helping make the necessary connections to create sustainability and promote prevention messages.*
- *One short-term goal is having a youth-focused meeting in July. Please spread the word to your family and community members and bring some youth with you next month!*

3. Strategies

a. Safe County Alliance Mindi Garrett

- *Formerly known as the Restaurant Partnership Initiative. Samples of promotional branding items were on display at the meeting—a "Safe County Alliance" branded white drawstring bag, branded pens, window-decals for establishments that partner, coasters, branded server notepads, table toppers, employee posters, branded hand sanitizer 1-oz bottles, branded individually wrapped mints.*
- *We have worked hard in the background bringing everything together over months (really, years!) of brainstorming ideas and we are ready to begin disseminating surveys to alcohol selling and serving establishments that will be used to determine several guidelines for becoming a member of this partnership. In doing this, we will be gaining buy-in from various alcohol retailers and continuing to further develop relationships from local restaurants.*
- *The overall goal is to have a county-wide recognized brand (see picture of brand logo above) that will be on display in the windows of establishments who*



officially join the partnership, reducing the rates and risks of alcohol-related incidents. This logo will signify that the business meets the qualifications set in place, ensuring a safe dining environment for both employees and patrons.

- *To learn more about this initiative, visit it's new landing page at www.PreventSubstanceMisuse.org/safe-county-alliance*

b. TIPS Training Leslie Beers

- *Total TIPS training data: 41 establishments, 210 participants, 70 Narcan kits distributed, over 21 sessions. All trainings are FREE. The majority of these numbers come from just the past 4 months. We have seen a significant increase in restaurant interest in having their staff TIPS trained, as well as other alcohol-serving establishments (recent training at Ginger Cove, assisted living facility). Some downtown establishments have been working to have entire staff trained, hosting multiple trainings over the past 2 months. (Sample TIPS Participant Manual and training information on display.)*
- *Alcohol Retailer Folders have been an ongoing effort from last fiscal year. These informational folders are going out to establishments who have recently failed compliance checks to offer and promote TIPS training. The folders include information about the coalition, Narcan training, general TIPS training information and alcohol-retailer resources like ID Guidebooks and AACo Alcohol Laws & Regulation booklets. These are also used to segue into the Safe County Alliance partnership with a survey for developing partnership guidelines and interest-level. (Sample folders were on display.)*
- *Recently, the County Liquor Board included the Prevention Coalitions' TIPS Training Registration link on their website. Our goal is to have the City of Annapolis include the link on their webpage as well in order to further promote responsible beverage service in ASAP territory.*

c. Narcan Training Angel Traynor

- *Narcan training has come a long way since we first started offering it. Serenity Sistas has recently become officially able to distribute Narcan (ORP), and all staff are trained trainers. When the coalition first began offering Narcan training during TIPS trainings, there was quite a bit of backlash from establishments who were feeling defensive; because opioid use for many is a touchy subject. But pretty quickly, we saw this attitude change as we stressed the importance of this life-saving medication and its safety–Naloxone/Narcan is 100% safe for children, pregnant women, the elderly, and/or persons not overdosing/experiencing a different medical issue.*
- *Our website offers free Narcan training registration–currently we have 6 registered for virtual training on June 27.*
www.PreventSubstanceMisuse.org/narcan-training

d. Needs Assessment Mindi Garrett

- *The County-Wide Needs Assessment includes a youth survey for ages 12-18 to be distributed at public and private schools during the 2022-2023 school year and listening sessions for youth as well as adults (in separate groups) to be conducted at community centers, libraries, etc, throughout the county. The survey questions and listening session discussions focus on the use and perceptions of alcohols and other drugs. We want to begin booking locations for listening sessions to start at the beginning of the school year.*
- *Sound of Silence has provided a good connection to disseminate surveys in AACPS, but we are looking for connections to private schools in ASAP territory. Contact Mindi at hdgarr01@aacounty.org if you have helpful connections to private, or public (specifically Annapolis MS & HS) schools.*

4. Recent Events

a. June 4, 2022 - Annapolis PRIDE Parade & Event Leslie Beers

- *Terrific event downtown Annapolis; ASAP's table was located right in People's Park near the music stage and food vendors. We distributed our new gray ASAP bags which contained coalition information, Narcan information with a QR code to the coalition's training website, prevention messages for youth, and coalition branded swag (such as pens, headphones, etc.). We gathered several new contacts and potential coalition members from the Interest Sign Up clipboard.*
- *A big shoutout to Jeremy Browning who had a large hand in coordinating the event & for giving us such a great table to help raise coalition awareness! We got tons of pictures and greetings with Senator Sarah Elfreth, Mayor Gavin Buckley, City Council members, Director Kevin Simmons from the Office of Emergency Management, APD, lots of other friends & family! We look forward to next year's PRIDE Event!*

b. June 11, 2022 Annapolis Police Foundation's (APF) Black Tie & Diamonds Judy Buddensick

- *Both Judy & Angel are members of the Annapolis Police Foundation and attended this glamorous fundraising event for the upcoming Boxing & Mentoring program at Pip Moyer. There was a potential for raising approximately \$50K that will go towards next year's Faith in Blue event and a new van among other things.*
- *The newest board member is from the Graduate Hotel in Annapolis, where they recently held "Cooking with a Cop" for youth of nearby neighborhoods to come and be paired with an officer to cook a healthy meal. Events such as these promote positive relationships between local youth and law enforcement, which is exactly the goal of the upcoming mentorship program at Pip Moyer, as mentioned above.*

c. June 15, 2022 - 1st Annual Anne Arundel County Prevention Coalitions' Social Event Leslie Beers

- *All four Prevention Coalitions of Anne Arundel County (ASAP, NLASA, South County Bridges, and WASP) came together to celebrate and highlight the work of all the coalitions and the efforts put in over the years by various stakeholders. This event was held at Libations in Millersville (6:30-8pm) with standing room only! It was a really special night with Opening Remarks done by Anne Arundel County Department of Health Officer Dr. Kalyanaraman, support from the County Executive's Office, Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles, Corporal Middleton, Sergeant White and the rest of AACo Police Department, lots of friends from the various branches within the Department of Health including Peer Support and Strengthening Families. We certainly couldn't do what we do without the help and support of all those involved! "What we cannot do alone, we can do together."*

5. Updates from APD- Nicole Vaden

- *Comparing Year to Date Data *Note: these numbers only reflect what is reported, not all overdoses and especially not all Narcan use is reported as it should be.*

	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
<i>Overdose</i>	57	81
<i>Fatal Overdose</i>	9	14
<i>Narcan Use</i>	38	51

- *Ward 6 has the highest overdose rate (19) but it is important to note that not all overdoses reported from a specific ward are from a resident of that ward. Many overdoses in certain Wards are actually individuals from a different zip code and/or different county or state. Visit the ODFree Annapolis site for more information at www.annapolis.gov/1454/OD-Free-Annapolis*

6. SOS Update- Katie Wargo, NLASA

- *Sound of Silence has come such a long way from just last year. Katie Wargo has worked hard with the Anne Arundel Crisis Response Team and the support of countless other stakeholders to get this youth mental health campaign/assembly into AACPS. Each SOS assembly is tailored specifically to the school it presents in, with 8 various talking points for the school to choose from. For each SOS school presentation, a parent's informational session is included typically the evening before the school's assembly as well as a community informational session for different regions of the county. Community Sessions have already been held at Arundel Christian Church in Glen Burnie this past March (NLASA) and Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater this past April (South County Bridges).*

- *In the past 6 months, as word has spread among schools and principals, SOS has gained significant interest and several schools are officially booked now into the fall of next school year. A big shoutout to Ryan Voegtlin, AACPS Director of Student Services, for sending out an email to all AACPS school principals about SOS which included rave reviews from the principals who have already experienced it. Over half of all middle and high schools have verbally agreed to hold SOS in the '22-23 school year. This is truly exceptional news and large success for the prevention coalitions.*
- *We are looking for speakers and connections for SOS at Annapolis High & Middle School. There is also a bilingual SOS in production for those schools in need of it. Reach out to Katie at nlasa@PreventSubstanceMisuse.org if you have helpful connections or are interested in being a part of this campaign.*
- *We would like to plan a Sound of Silence Community Session for Annapolis to raise awareness; if you have ideas or possible locations to host, contact Leslie at asap@PreventSubstanceMisuse.org*

7. OMPP Update- Justin Noel

- *Rack Cards containing information about opioid misuse and prescribers have been being distributed to pharmacies throughout the county, to be given to patients picking up prescriptions. So far there has been positive feedback. OMPP has also been working on outreach with doctors and are looking at academic detailing to get these opioid messages into schools.*

8. Letter for Gazette Leslie Beers

- *An article has been written by ASAP Coordinator Leslie Beers, with editing help from Coordinator Angel Traynor, about her experience and feelings regarding youth prevention ending with an “ask” to volunteer time with the coalition and help make youth prevention successful in our communities. It was shared with the coalition at May’s monthly meeting and is working on being titled.*
- *Once ready, we plan to submit this Our Say article to the Capital Gazette and/or any other relevant news outlet. If you have any media connections and are interested in helping us get this article published, please email Leslie at asap@PreventSubstanceMisuse.org*

9. Upcoming Events Angel Traynor

- a. **June 23rd H2O Youth Clubhouse South** *ASAP has been making regular, monthly visits to the youth at Pastor Sheryl’s clubhouse in Robinwood for the past 6 months now (post COVID). With each visit, we bring dinner– pizza and Chick-fil-a are the favorites– and treats and do an informal*

lesson with discussion. Our most recent topics have surrounded the difference we can make in our lives with a positive attitude (#PowerofPositivity). On this upcoming visit, we will start the brainstorming process to make vision boards. We are excited to see what the youth do!!

- b. June 28th TIPS Training @ Iron Rooster** *This is the second training at Iron Rooster this season. They are having all their staff trained in responsible beverage service. Way to go Iron Rooster! More TIPS trainings are already on schedule for Federal House (2nd training this season) and Main & Market.*
- c. July 9th Kickball Tournament 11am-5pm at Pip Moyer Griscom Fields** *This has turned into an annual event that we all look forward to! Recovery houses and/or substance misuse programs gather to make teams and compete. This year, medical tents will be available!*
- d. August 31st International Overdose Awareness Day** *Location and date to be determined. This year we are hoping to hold it in Annapolis at either People's Park or Pip Moyer; previous years it has been at Arundel Christian Church in Glen Burnie. The Governor's home and City Hall have agreed to again light up with purple.*
- e. September 18th Sunday 10th Annual Recovery Walk 11am at People's Park** *Rain date is September 25th D*

10. Blog Posts- Mindi Garrett *Each coalition will be responsible for providing one blog post per month in order to get a variety of perspectives, ideas, and stories and to encourage coalition members to get involved!! Send your submissions to Mindi at hdgarr01@aacounty.org*

11. Additional Comments & Closing

- *Next month's meeting, we want to have a youth-focused meeting; so if you know any youth, please spread the word and/or bring them with you to the July 19th meeting!*
- *June 30th Latino Community Health Workers Event at Maryland Hall.*
- *Documentary "Tipping the Pain Scale" from the director of "The Anonymous People" is being shown July 7th at Pip Moyer.*
- *July 5th-6th the youth of H2O are going on a trip to Hershey Park!*
- *Faith in Blue event will be the second week of October (7th or 9th) at People's Park. Contact Pastor Jerry Colbert (APD Chaplain, John Wesley UMC) for more*

information. This is a nationwide event; last year was the first held in Annapolis and it was very successful with a large turnout from officers, clergy, and local neighborhood members, promoting a positive relationship.

- *New Annapolis restaurant called The Choptank (opens July 11) is hiring–may be interested in TIPS training (Alex Smith).*

Next Meeting - July 19, 2022

12:00pm | *Lunch Provided*

See you next month!!

((August NO Meeting))

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