



**MARYLAND**  
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## **MACo's Substance Abuse Summit**

**June 12, 2014**

**9:30 am—3:30 pm**

**Cecil College, Room #TC208**

**One Seahawk Drive, North East, MD 21901**

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Substance abuse – for prescription and non-prescription opioids – has escalated in Maryland, threatening urban and rural communities throughout the State.

Counties are working to curb this epidemic with responses from within their own jurisdictions and at the state level. Addressing the prevention, identification, treatment, and community ramifications of substance abuse requires collaboration among many different departments. Executive leadership and support from public safety, law enforcement, health, and social services branches of government, along with private and nonprofit providers are all needed for an effective solution.

Learn about what's being done in Maryland to address this epidemic and what resources are available to you and your county; collaborate with stakeholders who—like you—are working to prevent substance abuse in Maryland.



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9:30 am – 9:45 am

## **Welcoming Remarks**

The Honorable Tari Moore, Cecil County Executive and MACo Secretary

9:45 am – 10:45 am

## **Spotlight on Cecil County**

*From 2008-2011, drug overdose deaths in Cecil County rose by 208 percent, from 8.9 deaths per 100,000 residents to 27.5 deaths per 100,000 residents. Cecil County's overdose drug death rate surpassed Baltimore City's rate in 2011, ranking them as the Maryland county with the highest overdose rate per capita.*

*Despite minimal resources, Cecil County officials and community leaders (in conjunction with treatment experts, law enforcement, and other stakeholders) have customized a multifaceted response to address the county's substance abuse crisis. In this session you will hear from those on the ground in Cecil County and the steps they have taken to combat this issue within their jurisdiction.*

### **Speakers:**

- The Honorable Tari Moore, County Executive, Cecil County
- Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer, Cecil County Health Department
- Ken Collins, Special Assistant to the County Executive on Drug Policy, Director of Addiction Services Division, Cecil County
- Barry Janney, Sheriff, Cecil County
- Beth Creek, Executive Director, Project Crossroad

10:45 am—11:00 am

## **Break**

11:00 am—12:00 pm

## **Advances in Prevention and Treatment**

*Opioids include drugs to treat pain (such as morphine, codeine, methadone, and oxycodone) that may be routinely prescribed as a part of medical treatment. Also included are illegal "street drugs" such as heroin. In recent years, there has been a surge in the use, misuse, and abuse of prescription opioids and heroin use. The profile of an abuser is no longer just an "addict on the corner" - rather it permeates through all levels of society. The escalation of abuse also comes with an increase of accidental overdoses. Faced with changing demographics and trends in drug use, local officials must take action while simultaneously meeting and overcoming new challenges.*

In this session, experts will discuss:

- The importance of access to treatment and the continuum of care
- Innovations in the Medicinal Treatment of Addiction
- Overdose Fatality Review Teams
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Treatment Program Funding Changes
- Advocacy and Community Outreach

### **Speakers:**

- Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, Acting Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Rebecca R. Hogamier, MBA, LCADC, MAC, SAP, Director, Division of Behavioral Health Services, Washington County Health Department
- Kathleen O'Brien, Ph.D., Executive Director, Walden Behavioral Health Services
- Yngvild Olsen, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Institute for Behavior Resources/REACH Health Services

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**12:00 pm—1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:00 pm—2:00 pm**

## ***Innovative Practices in Public Safety***

*Opioid abuse and overdoses have become a serious public health problem in Maryland, but steps are also being taken to combat the issue from a public safety standpoint. Looking at the big picture perspective, local, state and regional law enforcement agencies are working to stem the flow of illicit opioids into the state and put an end to drug-related violence. In closer range, on the front lines, first-responders in many jurisdictions are now carrying life-saving drugs to help stop an overdose before it results in death.*

In this session, experts will discuss:

- County drug task forces
- Partnerships with federal agencies to address regional drug trafficking
- Overdose treatment by law enforcement and first responders

## **Speakers:**

- Major James R. Pyles, Commander, Northern Command, Criminal Enforcement Division, Maryland State Police
- Glen Fueston, Director of the Investigative Support Center (ISC), Washington/Baltimore, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- Kevin Davis, Chief of Police, Anne Arundel County Police Department

**2:00 pm—2:15 pm**

**Break**

**2:15 pm – 3:00 pm**

## ***Connecting the Courts: When Public Safety and Public Health Collide***

*The line between public safety issues and public health issues often blurs when addicts are arrested and put through the system for crimes arising from their drug abuse. Courts work to integrate drug treatment services and diversion programs for offenders in an effort to protect the public while treating drug dependent offenders.*

In this session, experts will discuss:

- Drug court and alternatives to incarceration
- Pre-trial substance abuse assessment and court ordered treatment
- Efficacy of reducing recidivisms and drug use

## **Speakers:**

- Kevin G. Amado, Sr., Program Director, Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Addictions Assessment Unit, Pretrial Release Services Division
- Jennifer Moore, Deputy Executive Director, Drug Treatment Courts, Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)

**3:00 pm—3:30 pm**

## ***Facilitated Discussion***

*Participate in a discussion as we contemplate what tools, partnerships, and policies would best serve counties and others in addressing this challenging issue.*

**Facilitator:** Emily M. Heinlein, Director of Public Health Initiatives, Behavioral Health System Baltimore