

# **Opioid Operational Command Center**

## **Briefing Memo**

**To:** Inter-Agency Heroin & Opioid Coordinating Council

**Through:** Jessica Goodell

**From:** Clay Stamp & Secretary Schrader

**Re:** Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC)

**Date:** April 20, 2017

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### **Completed Action Items (April 13, 2017 - April 19, 2017):**

- On 4/14/2017 - OOCC Director distributed a letter to all state and local partners making them aware of the Governor's letter to local elected officials sent last week [55 Individuals]
- On 4/14/2017 - As part of a news series beginning with an interview with Governor Hogan, the OOCC Director was interviewed by Omar Jimenez of WBAL regarding the state of opioid addiction and the approach to address the crisis in Maryland
- On 4/14/2017 & 4/17/2017 - Completed initial construction of OOCC website in preparation for presentation to Governor's Office; reviewed by OOCC partners [50 Individuals]
- 4/17/2017 - Amended MIEMSS and DHMH data sharing use agreements to receive confidential health information of emergency medical services run data to share with local health departments [Partners: DHMH, GOCCP, MIEMSS]
- Completed survey of all 24 local school systems to highlight best practices and gaps in addressing the opioid epidemic [Partners: Maryland State Department of Education]
- Received 10 out of 24 jurisdictional situational reports on lessons learned

and best practices [Partners: Local Liaison Emergency Managers]

- Continued activities associated with mobilization efforts to coordinate all state and local partners for the operational period of 4/3/2017 – 4/17/2017

**Planned Actions Items (April 20, 2017 - April 26, 2017):**

- Coordinate statewide efforts among OOC partners for promoting and participating in National Drug Takeback Day on 4/29/2017, including but not limited to an activity with the Lt. Governor’s Office to attend a drug takeback event in Howard County
- Present OOC website and corresponding social media pages to Governor’s office on 4/25/2017 [Partners: DHMH, MEMA, Governor’s Office of Communications, DoIT]
- Draft statewide OOC Operations and Action Plan with a local template for coordinated and aligned efforts
- Follow-up on American College of Emergency Physicians survey of all 49 acute care hospital Emergency Departments to identify gaps in naloxone distribution
- OOC Director and staff will continue to meet with and support local emergency managers efforts to convene all relevant local partners as needed by attending briefing events in all 24 jurisdictions

**OOC Coordinated meetings**

The OOC continues the mobilization phase (0 - 120 days) to engage partners at the state and local level working on heroin and opioid-related initiatives, including but not limited to the following meetings:

- Convened an in-Person Joint Information Center (JIC) meeting with state-agency Public Information Officer representatives on 4/14/2017 to discuss the following items:
  - Public facing and for internal OOC website, via SharePoint, presented for feedback and input
  - Statewide activity for National Drug Takeback Day, 4/29/2017
  - Action items and input related to how agencies will support OOC “Before It’s Too Late” campaign/website/social media strategy

- Discussed how to rapidly receive and distribute time sensitive information
- Convened OOCC Operational staff to begin a new two-week operational period with ten objectives and over sixty tangible tasks to complete by 5/1/2017 [24 individuals]
  - Presented OOCC website with incorporated feedback
  - Important note for all materials: limited English proficiency requirements
- OOCC Director met with Maryland Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council partners to discuss opportunities in partnering in addressing heroin and opioid crisis
- Contacted by and met with representatives of Americans for Securing All Packages Coalition, who requested support from Maryland for Federal legislation to identify and stop postal packages containing deadly drugs such as opioids from entering the United States, Synthetics Trafficking & Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act
- Contacted by and met with The Mosaic Group President, Marla Oros, to better understand the evidence based interventions and services provided by the Group across Baltimore City and the region working in collaboration with the DHMH Behavioral Health Administration and Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore