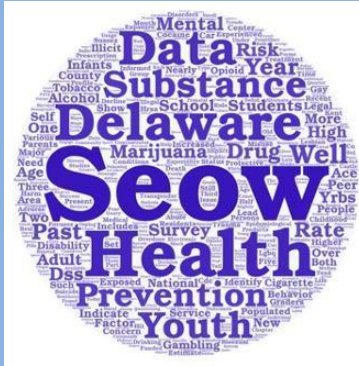


# SEOW MEETING MINUTES



<b>August 22, 2023</b>	<b>10:30-12:30am</b>	<b>Rte. 9 Library, New Castle, DE</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>MJ Scales (UD-CDHS), Sharon Merriman-Nai (UD-CDHS), Stephanie Ha (UD-CDHS), Rochelle Brittingham (UD-CDHS), David Borton (UD-CDHS), Dana Holz (UD-CDHS), Bill Gratton (UD-CDHS), Shauna Leahy (UD-CDHS), Sofia Gonzalez (UD-CDHS), Ellen Donnelly (UD-CDHS), Angela Brown (UD-CDHS), Victoria Becker (UD-CDHS), Carol Ann Sharon (UD-CDHS), Laura Bayona-Roman (UD-CDHS), Tom Beardsley (DHSS-PDP) Claire Wang (DSAMH), Nuno Martins (DSAMH), Shawn Stevens (Wilmington University), Dionne Cornish (Brandywine Counseling Center), Niyah Thomas (Brandywine Counseling Center), Anita Costales (Delaware Counsel on Gambling Problems)</p>	
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p><i>Please note: A <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCju6_hmcBAAd2LLn0Oxpw3Q">recording</a> of this meeting's featured presentations is available on our YouTube channel at:</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCju6_hmcBAAd2LLn0Oxpw3Q">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCju6_hmcBAAd2LLn0Oxpw3Q</a></p> <p>Participants were welcomed by Sharon Merriman-Nai and MJ Scales, PI of the SEOW. New members of the network were asked to introduce themselves and included: Anita Costales of the Delaware Counsel on Gambling Problems and Niyah Thomas of Brandywine Counseling Center.</p> <p>Sharon reviewed the agenda for the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 goals of the SEOW</li> <li>• SEOW Announcements and New Products</li> <li>• Data Champion Award</li> <li>• New SEOW products</li> <li>• Featured Presentations: <i>988 in Delaware</i>, and <i>The Police Diversion Program</i></li> <li>• Q/A and Discussion</li> <li>• Network Share</li> </ul>	

**The 4 Goals of the SEOW**

Sharon [reviewed the 4 goals of the SEOW](#):

- Identify, analyze, and share data
- Create data-guided products
- Train communities in understanding and using data
- Building state and local level data monitoring systems

**New SEOW Data Products**

Stephanie Ha highlighted new **SEOW Products and Resources** that have been developed since our last meeting: the updated Venn diagram of youth polysubstance use, an infographic on maternal and child behavioral health, and a brief report on behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disabilities. Additional SEOW resources in development were also noted.

Since we last saw you in December...

**NEW!**

- [Behavioral Health and I/DDs](#)
- [Polysubstance Use Venn Diagram](#)
- [Maternal and Behavioral Health](#)
- [Veterans and Behavioral Health](#)
- [Behavioral Health Rankings](#)

**All of the above and more coming to the SEOW site soon!**

Substance	% reporting used over one year
Alcohol	15%
Cannabis	14%
Prescription	2%
Other "Hard Drug"	2%
Cocaine	1%
Heroin	1%
Other	1%
Used all of the above categories	3%
Used none of all of the above substances	87%

**Data Champion**

The **August 2023 Data Champion Award** recognized the longstanding advocacy of Dionne Cornish, the Director of Prevention and Early Intervention at Brandywine Counseling and Community Services, for her dedication to data driven policy for the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and their families throughout the state.

**Featured Presentations:**

**988 in Delaware**

**Delaware Police Diversion Program**

**Dr. Claire Wang, Associate Deputy Director, REPH, DSAMH, presented an overview of Delaware’s 988 initiative.** In 2022, a national suicide prevention hotline was launched after an initial planning period to enable a 988 talk and text designation for anyone experiencing suicidal ideation. Dr. Wang reported on the collaboration implementing 988 in Delaware as well as the progress to date, volume of calls placed and those addressed within the state, and the 5-year vision for the initiative.

**Dr. Nuno Martins, DSAMH-REPH, Chief of Planning Analytics and Tom Beardsley of the Delaware Police Diversion Program provided an overview of this initiative.** The program is a collaboration of the Delaware State Police, the Department of Justice, and DSAMH. It is intended to divert individuals who are in crisis due to a mental health or substance use issue

from entering the criminal justice system by providing timely intervention and referral.

*(Please note: Downloadable copies of the presentation slides are available on the [SEOW Presentations page](#) and [a recording](#) is available on our [YouTube channel](#).)*

### Future Steps

Following a question-and-answer period, participants were reminded to visit the [SEOW website](#) to download new data products, including those highlighted in today's meeting. They were also encouraged to share news and resources with the SEOW facilitator team and to reach out for data technical assistance by contacting MJ Scales ([mjscales@udel.edu](mailto:mjscales@udel.edu)). The next SEOW semi-annual meeting will be held in Winter 2024.

***Many thanks for your continued support and participation in the Delaware SEOW!***

NOTE: All links shared throughout the meeting will be posted in a document alongside other relevant meeting materials. For more information, please visit the [SEOW Presentations](#) page. A recording of the meeting, excluding the CHOP presentation, is available on our [YouTube channel](#).



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