

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership  
Behavioral Health Action Team  
November 8, 2019 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
St. Mary's County Health Department

**Minutes**

- 1. Attendance:** Debby Glunt – Pyramid Walden; Tanya Hurst – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD); Maryellen Kraese – SMCHD; Laura Stewart Webb – Pyramid Walden; Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC); Tammy Loewe – SMCHD; Ed Evans – St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO); Carolyn Cullison – on Our Own St. Mary's; Lori Werrell – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH); Greg Reuss – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP); Amy Young – Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF); Anna Fiora – intern at Serenity Place, LLC
- 2. Objectives & Goals for 2019 Team Priorities**
  - a. ED Utilization for Behavioral Health**
    - i. The team is looking at crisis services as an intervention in the continuum of care to reduce Emergency Department utilization over time. Tammy's MSW intern, Jamie, is putting together a spreadsheet of different crisis services models that jurisdictions and is reaching out to them for more information on funding. If you know of any models or best practices feel free to send them to Tammy so that Jamie can do more research on them. Jamie is also working to schedule available jurisdictions to present to BHAT on their model.
      1. The team discussed possible next steps including having a stakeholders meeting and/or a town hall with the community.
    - ii. MSMH will begin implementing SBIRT in the Emergency Department in 2020. They will also be onboarding Peer Recovery Coaches in the ED.
    - iii. Locally we have a large portion of the SMCSO, a few Natural Resource Police officers, some Maryland State Police officers, and the Office of Public Safety at St. Mary's College of Maryland that have completed the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program.
  - b. Youth Mentoring**
    - i. The Round Table Discussion in August went very well with over 30 people in attendance. The major points that came out of this meeting is that organizations would like to meet up more often in that type of setting, they would like a sort of database available to the community that lists mentoring programs and who they are targeted to, and they would like more trainings.
      1. Jacquie will work to schedule another round table for the New Year. At this round table we can work to set up a regular schedule for meetings – quarterly? This will eventually transfer into the hands of the mentoring programs.
      2. The team discussed scheduling a training for mentoring programs through Maryland Mentor for 2020.
      3. One task of the youth mentoring round tables will be to determine how a database of local mentoring programs would look: do programs register



through Maryland Mentor or do we create a local database? If the local database what are the criteria?

- ii. The team discussed using The Cove's open house on November 20 as a place for mentoring programs to gather and connect. Laura suggested we put out information on Botvin training at the event. Roy is completing the training on November 14 and will be an available resource.

### 3. Partner Updates

- a. AFSP's Southern Maryland Out of the Darkness Walk was a huge success with over 650 people registered.
- b. [International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day](#) is November 23.
- c. MedStar St. Mary's has [PRN Social Work positions](#) open.
- d. Ashley Treatment Center offers a [children and youth program](#) on the second Saturday of the month for children affected by addiction in the household.
  - i. Maryland Coalition of Families is hosting a craft fair at the Salvation Army in Waldorf in December. All of the funds raised will be used to hopefully bring this program to Southern Maryland one weekend in the spring.
- e. The Adverse Childhood Experiences Coalition now meets regularly on the second Thursday of the month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department.
- f. Beacon of Hope's [S'mores Bonfire Panel](#) will be held on November 15.
- g. Beacon of Hope is hosting an Open House event on November 20.
- h. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland [Health Equity Conference](#) will be held on December 5.
- i. Red Ribbon Week was very successful. The SMCHD team went to 10 schools during lunch to educate students.
- j. The Opioid Response Program is doing Narcan training with WARM volunteers, food pantry volunteers, SMCSO's civilian employees, and is offering [classes](#) to the community.
- k. The Behavioral Health Authority's STOP grant RFP has been released. We are reapplying to continue the funding for the school Behavioral Health Counselors and the Detention Center program.
- l. The Local Behavioral Health Authority's Annual Plan is due in February. Tammy will be reaching out to partners in the next few weeks for their input.
- m. The SMCHD Behavioral Health team is growing. Before the end of the year there will be a new Opioid Response Coordinator, a new Peer Support Specialist, and a new Clinical Supervisor.
- n. Ed has taken over Richard Russell's role at SMCSO.
- o. On Our Own is having their Untraditional Thanksgiving Dinner tonight – all are welcome!
- p. Carolyn completed a WRAP training last week for the mobile showers program lead in D.C.
- q. It's HSMP election season! If you did not receive the ballot for HSMP Co-Chair and Vice Chair from [stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com) please reach out to Jacquie to update your membership. Elections for BHAT Co-Chairs will take place at the December meeting.

### 4. Communications



- a. Share events and news with HSMP partners through the HSMP Newsletter, calendar & social media outlets! Submit information at: <http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email [stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)

**5. Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. **BHAT:** December 13, 2019 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department

