

# Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Team Priorities for 2020
  - a. Mental Health Court
  - b. Youth Mentoring
3. Community Health Assessment
4. Partner Updates



# Introductions

- Greg Reuss - Co-Chair
- Maryellen Kraese - Co-Chair
- Jacquie Heaney - HSMP Coordinator
- Alexis Higdon
- Amanda Walton
- Carolyn Cullison
- Gregory Jones
- Jasmine Humphrey
- Jessika Hall
- Katie Tippet
- LaTae Reeves
- Marta Kelsey
- Laura Stewart Webb
- Michelle Turkaly
- Nat Scroggins

- Patrick Mattix
- Robin Schrader
- Stephanie Thomas
- Tammy Loewe
- Vonzella Wright
- Wade Pratt
- Jess Jolly
- Chris Shea
- Courtney Seelhorst



# Team Priorities for 2020



- Mental Health Court
  - Subcommittee met several times, final meeting was Monday
  - Summary
    - Almost 1600 patients presented to ED with serious mental illness in FY 2020
    - 37%, of Emergency Petitions were for individuals with SMI
    - Detention Center population ~ 23% are diagnosed with SMI
  - Recommendations
    - Expand drug court eligibility;
    - Look at Detention Center pretrial services program, potentially expand referral;
    - Explore HD Care Coordination Position; or
    - New Mental Health Court
  - Discussion:
    - Drug court is partially grant funded and would need to look into how this would fall under grant requirements
    - SMCHD Care Coordination would need to look into more funding for a new staff person
    - All of these options would require additional funding
- Youth Mentoring
  - Youth Mentoring Virtual Event - November 10
    - 16 attendees
  - [Maryland Mentor Training Proposal](#)
  - The Cove offers mentoring activities - interested in e-mentoring & young men of color & opioid crisis
  - Survey to mentoring programs with topics/time commitment to gauge buy-in
  - The group discussed potential funding sources.

# Community Health Assessment



- Draft 2020 Community Health Assessment
  - Review Behavioral Health & Violence, Injury, & Trauma sections
  - 4 health priority areas identified
    - Behavioral Health
    - Chronic Disease
    - Environmental Health
    - Violence, Injury, & Trauma
- New or missing data to include in final report?
  - 2020 Commission for Women Intimate Partner Violence Survey
- Consideration of additional or changing Community Assets/Resources? Any out of date?
- Action Item:
  - Continue to review this draft and provide any additional comments through the public comment period in December.

# Partner Updates



- Harm Reduction doors are open and they're taking walk up appointments.
- Pyramid Walden - Waldorf & Lexington Park centers doing hybrid. 3.5 level male beds up in Joppa. Anchor facility running as usual.
- This Saturday is [International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day](#).
- Teen Court operating virtually. Caseload has dropped, but seeing the shift to more family-involved cases.
- Local COVID-19 updates visit - [smchd.org/coronavirus](https://smchd.org/coronavirus)
- LBHA is in the early planning stages with Go Purple Initiative! Designed to reduce stigma around mental health and SUD.
- SMCHD Care Coordination - team is going out into community to give out naloxone. Working with Three Oaks & community partners to help with connection to services.
- Serenity Place - doing majority of sessions via telehealth.
- SMC Local Management Board: Ongoing collaboration with GOC stakeholders to finalize FY21 Appendices and other pertinent documentation; Consulting with Clear Impact's, Karen Finn, to organize and outline strategic planning surrounding performance measures, community needs assessments and NOFA prep
- The Cove is continuing to provide in-person services. Running the school app as well. Beacon is open and offers a hybrid model.
- Commission for Women conducted a survey (166 responses between ages 13-18) on [healthy relationships](#). Data mirrored the national statistics.
- Local Care team has been pretty full each month. Getting assistance from the GOC.
- Project Chesapeake - 2 full time PRP case workers serving St. Mary's & SOMD - have met all criteria to see minors. 3.5 level male beds (Lothian) waiting list; new facility opening in ~January.

# Partner Updates



- SMCPS really seeing the impact of COVID on staff and students' mental health & wellness. Continuing to push out resources to staff and families. Please share their [resource websites!](#)
- SMCHD is implementing teleworking and open for specific appointments - please contact the front desk if you need to schedule an appointment.
- COVID-19 testing available at Leonardtown and Lexington Park Harm Reduction Office.
- ORP - Partnering with HR & Case Coordinators, and peers to do outreach at Church of the Ascension in Lexington Park in partnership with their drive thru food pantry. (dispensed at least 50-60 doses of naloxone and provided on spot training)
- R U OK? Campaign is going to focus media campaign on the school-aged students and SMCPs staff.
- Smart Medicine campaign has been limited - partnered with the schools to have high school students write letters of encouragement for seniors and will be included in delivered goody bags.

# Communications

- Submit event and news updates/information at:  
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- Follow HSMP on Social Media
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# Upcoming

- No BHAT Meeting in December
- January Meeting TBD
  - Be on the lookout for the survey to schedule!

