



Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, April 23, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Priority Areas for 2021
3. Partner Updates

Attendance

- Maryellen Kraese - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Jenna Guzman - SMCHD
- Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Delaney Madden - SMCHD
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Kristin Voto - SMCHD
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD
- Abena Boakye - SMCHD
- Megan Hildenberger - Community Member
- Kelly Jay - Project Chesapeake
- Michael Blackwell - St. Mary's County Library
- Amanda Walton - SMCHD
- Gregory Jones - St. Mary's County Teen Court
- Carolyn Cullison - On Our Own of St. Mary's
- Kelly Richards - SMCHD
- Wade Pratt - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Kristen Cox - Seedco
- Mary Flood - Local Care Team
- Kennedy Hinman - Pyramid Walden
- Becky Sweeney - Southern Maryland Community Network (SMCN)
- Bruce Beauverd - Ph.D. Candidate
- Patrick Mattix - Project Chesapeake
- LaTae Reeves - St. MARY's Local Management Board
- Janiece Frederick - SMCN
- Amanda Leal - Serenity Place
- Jackolyn Crawford - SMCHD
- Rachel Solomon - Pathways
- Amy Young - Maryland Coalition for Families
- Jennifer Voorhaar - Hope and Healing Psychotherapy
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD
- Jess Jolly - Pyramid Walden

Priority Areas for 2021

- **Suggested at February Meeting:**
 - Health Equity
 - Strategy - Define and then how to move forward to address
 - [Pdf of slides](#) from Cultural and Linguistics Competence Training
 - Demographics to consider: Race, Age, Language disparities, physical/mental/developmental disability, LGBTQ, socio-economic, undocumented individuals, gender, housing status, un-insured/under insured,
 - Link resource from Maryellen
 - Interested in working on this? Rachel Solomon, Mary Flood, Wade Pratt, Kelly Jay, Greg Reuss, Suha Ansari, Kristen
 - Youth & Geriatric Mental Health
 - Strategy - Work on gap analysis/asset mapping
 - Greg Jones, Maryellen Kraese, loop school health council in on this, Carolyn Cullison - will invite program coordinator, Kelly Richards,
 - Telehealth Access
 - [Bill passed in MD legislature](#) to add audio only services
 - [Emergency Broadband benefits](#)
 - Issues associated with telehealth: insurance coverage, free cell phone program to access services, broadband access, continuity of coverage after the state of emergency ends
 - Kristen Cox, Jess Jolly, Maryellen, Wade
 - Jacquie will start email chains for each of these items for work in between meetings!

Partner Updates

- Amy recently received an OOC report and fatal overdose in Maryland are up 16.6%, Maryland Coalition for Families is available for families and individuals who are in search of resources
- SMCSO in the past 3 months has had twice as many fatal overdose as in the past 2 years
- Harm Reduction started in-person support groups again. [View their calendar here!](#)
- AFSP Maryland Campus Walk is tomorrow.
- AFSP is offering a [Suicide Bereavement Clinician Training](#) April 28 - 29.
- Teen court program is working to refine process of handling cases virtually.
- New [Referral Form](#) for Hub & Spoke Care Coordination program, will also be conducting a survey on these services and response to the services
- HSMP Annual Meeting planning in the works. Please send and speaker or topic ideas to Jacquie.
- Chronic Disease Action Team is hosting the Eat, Live, and Be Healthy Webinar series. Learn more at: <http://healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy/>
- The More to Explore Program is back this summer. Keep an eye out for announcements!
- We will be looking at the draft of the CHIP next month for a final review before the public comment period.
- PNC Bank donated their [LP branch building](#) to Housing Authority for use by SMCHD for Health & Wellness Services and future Behavioral Health Hub
- SMCHD launched a new [opioid data dashboard](#).
- Pyramid Walden is continuing hybrid program offerings.

Partner Updates

- Project Chesapeake is accepting new PRP referrals for adults & minors , new mental health clients, and for outpatient substance use program. Their Lothian facility for men is open, their 2 new facilities - Harwood facility for men and Annapolis facility for women - are targeted to open in May. They provide transportation to and from treatment from anywhere in Maryland. Take both private and state insurance. 30-90 day program.
- Pyramid Walden's residential and detox programs are continuing services.
- SMCHD is continuing to take referrals and getting them process for SOAR grant.
- Local Care Team has had an increase in referrals.
- St. MARY's County Library's summer reading program will be virtual. The libraries have started in person outdoor programming. They are moving to full hours in May! The libraries are also applying for a mobile library which will provide outreach opportunities.
- Pathways just celebrated its 40th anniversary. They are currently participating in a research study to help improve clinic care for the LGBTQ community.
- SMCHD's Go Purple campaign web page launched. - <https://smchd.org/gopurple/>
- COVID-19 special enrollment has been extended through MARYland Health Connection. Large number of reduced premiums being offered now.
- SMCHD Prevention has Emergency Boxes which contain naran. They are working to get these in local motels/hotels. They are participating in a Medication Take Back event on May 15 at County Government Center. Working with the high schools for their senior events - offering DUI simulator and healthy snack bags.

Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**
<http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email
stmaryspartnership@gmail.com
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 - Facebook: Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
 - Twitter: @HealthyStMarys

Upcoming

- Friday, May 21, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- If you are interested in presenting on your program/organization at a future meeting please email Maryellen, Greg, or Jacquie.