




# Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, May 21, 2021

# Agenda

1. Introductions
  2. Review of Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026
  3. Health Equity
  4. Youth & Geriatric Mental Health
  5. Telehealth Access
  6. Provider Spotlight: Pathways
  7. Partner Updates
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# Attendance

- Ashley Alhambra - Pathways
- Kelly Jay - Project Chesapeake
- Jaime Barnes - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Kristin Voto - SMCHD
- Michael Blackwell - St. Mary's County Library
- Jess Jolly - Pyramid Walden
- Wade Pratt - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Becky Sweeney - Southern Maryland Community Network (SMCN)
- Priscilla Graves - University of Maryland Extension
- Kristen Cox - Seedco
- Stacey Morgan - SMCHD
- Sona Hussian - Pathways
- Janiece Frederick - SMCN
- Jourdan Cucinotta - SMCHD
- Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Patrick Mattix - Project Chesapeake
- Freneta Carson - Judy Center
- Christie Taylor - Seedco
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD

# Review of Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026

- Draft
  - The team reviewed the Behavioral Health objectives and strategies sections and provided suggested edits.
  - If you have any further suggested edits please email Jacquie before May 28.
- Action items:
  - Review layout.
  - Review goals set.
  - Review categorization of strategies.
- Planned Public Comment Period: June 7 - 18
  - Please share on your organization's social media

# Health Equity

- Subcommittee Members: Rachel Solomon, Mary Flood, Wade Pratt, Kelly Jay, Greg Reuss, Suha Ansari, Kristen Cox
- Team discussed completing some data gathering with a survey. Questions in the survey would focus on what a safe space means to this population as well as what behavioral health and access to care needs they may have.
  - Suha drafting survey.
- Discussion: Providers who serve the uninsured/underinsured/undocumented populations?
  - Self pay, translation services limited locally

# Youth & Geriatric Mental Health

- Subcommittee Members: Greg Jones, Maryellen Kraese, Carolyn Cullison, Linda Morrell, Kelly Richards, Robin Schrader
- Team will be developing an asset map.
- Shared resources & trainings on asset mapping and will begin work in this next month.
- Jacquie received training on how to use google earth for this project.
- Meeting on May 26 at 1:00 to discuss next steps
  - Let Jacquie know if you'd like to be added to the calendar invite

# Telehealth Access

- Subcommittee Members: Kristen Cox, Jess Jolly, Maryellen Kraese, Wade Pratt
- Project: Developing a telehealth access point program in the community.
  - Develop procedure/guidelines
  - Survey local organizations to indicate interest and capacity
- Resource for finding a telehealth provider: [findtreatment.gov](http://findtreatment.gov)
- Next meeting: June 1 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Let Jacquie know if you'd like to be added to the calendar invite

# Provider Spotlight: Pathways

- <https://www.pathwaysinc.org/>
- Employment Program
  - [Program Flyer](#)
  - [Program Overview](#)
  - [Eligibility Requirements](#)
  - [Description of Services](#)
  - [Eligible Diagnoses](#)
  - [Referral Form](#)
- [Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Referral Form](#)
- [Referral for Community Service Programs](#)
- [Maryland Healthy Transitions Application Form](#)
- Contact [Ashley](#) if you have any questions

# Partner Updates

- Pathways has openings. Clinic no longer has waitlist for Medicaid.
- SMCHD Prevention team is participating in prom events at all 4 high schools with DUI simulator.
- Starting July 1, SMCHD received new grant for Suicide Prevention Care Coordination. They will be hiring a Care Coordinator who will be responsible for coordinating with the Sheriff's Dept and Med Star to follow up with anyone who has committed suicide or has expressed suicidal thoughts to connect them to BH services.
- SMCHD has a possible RFP coming for A Recovery House for Women and Children
- Crisis Service grant for assessment for tri-county region - they have hired a consultant to conduct an analysis of crisis services in the SOMD region and make recommendations around a Crisis Center to meet the needs of SOMD. Let Jaime know if you'd like to participate in the survey for this assessment.
- SMCHD hosting two upcoming training sessions: Anxiety with Children on 6/16 1-3pm and Social Emotional Learning During and Post Covid on 6/23
- The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force, in partnership with the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, Maryland (HASMCM), announced plans for a future [Behavioral Health Hub](#) for St. Mary's County in the old Lexington Park PNC building.
- Walden - do treat problem gambling disorders. 301-997-1300, ext 2. With Maryland lifting capacity limits they are waiting to hear internally about what that will look like.

# Partner Updates

- Project Chesapeake - just opened their women's inpatient treatment center in edgewater - first 4 intakes are scheduled! Our New Women's Inpatient Treatment Ctr is now open and is accepting referrals. Please contact Jillian Tomlin, Residential Services Manager @ 301-893-7574 or by email [jtomlin@projectchesapeake.com](mailto:jtomlin@projectchesapeake.com) to get more info or to refer someone in need
- SMCPS will continue to have social workers next school year. 1 position has been added for the charter school next year. The school system has summer programming available including counseling and social work services. As part of the planning for next school year there is a survey going around for potential virtual academy.
- SMCN is accepting case management referrals for all 3 counties. Janiece Frederick is the coordinator for St. Mary's and can be contacted to make referrals at 301 475 9315 x14.
- AFSP has some new programs - Gizmo for young children & It's Real for teens.
  - May 25 - Talk Saves Lives in Spanish
  - June 8th - Research Connection -Adolescent social media use and suicide risk
  - June 10th - Continuing the Convo - Suicide Prevention in the LGBTQ Community

**2021 VIRTUAL  
HEALTHY ST. MARY'S  
PARTNERSHIP  
ANNUAL MEETING**

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**SEPTEMBER  
30  
2021**

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  - Twitter: @HealthyStMarys

# Upcoming

- Friday, June 18, 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.