



Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, June 18, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Health Equity
3. Youth & Geriatric Mental Health
4. Telehealth Access
5. Partner Updates

Attendance

- Maryellen Kraese - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Michelle Turkaly - SMCHD
- Wade Pratt - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Ashley Milcetic - SMCHD
- Kelly Jay - Project Chesapeake
- Gregory Jones - Teen Court
- Japan Bhalja - SMCHD
- Jess Jolly - Pyramid Walden
- Rachel Solomon - Pathways
- Kelly Richards - SMCHD
- Megan Hildenberger - Community member
- Kennedy Hinman - Pyramid Walden
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD
- Ashley Alhambra - Pathways
- Dee Rathbone - National Institute of Citizen Anti-drug Policy
- Janiece Frederick - Southern Maryland Community Network
- Amanda Leal - Serenity Place
- Esther Vanderwal - Serenity Place

Health Equity

- Subcommittee Members: Rachel Solomon, Wade Pratt, Kelly Jay, Greg Reuss, Suha Ansari, Kristen Cox
- Suha's team with doing some data gathering with businesses soon
- Ideas for us to gather input on what a safe space means and behavioral health needs of disparate populations?
 - Data collection at outreach events (QR Codes)
 - Potentially start the conversation at Juneteenth Celebration to help guide future efforts?
 - Focus Groups
- Jacquie will set up a committee meeting for July prior to July BHAT meeting.

Youth & Geriatric Mental Health

- Subcommittee Members: Greg Jones, Maryellen Kraese, Carolyn Cullison, Linda Morrell, Kelly Richards, Robin Schrader
- Asset Map & Gap Analysis Project
 - Jacquie showed a sample of the asset map in Google Earth.
 - The subcommittee will continue to work to add services to the map and develop a narrative identifying gaps/needs.

Telehealth Access

- Subcommittee Members: Kristen Cox, Jess Jolly, Maryellen Kraese, Wade Pratt
- Telehealth Access Point Project
 - Interest/Capacity Assessment [Survey](#)
 - Please push out to organizations!
 - Gathering information from other similar projects
 - Wade reached out to a program in North Carolina that is piloting telehealth booths in their community right now. He set up a sharing session with them next Wednesday (will invite subcommittee members).

Partner Updates

- During SMCPS summer school, they will have Mental Health resources available for students.
- SMCPS did secure social workers for schools next year with grant.
- Juneteenth Celebration is tomorrow from 12 - 6! Both virtual and in person events.
 - Vaccines will be available - no appointment needed!
- Pyramid Walden is continuing to provide detox and residential treatment with hybrid options.
- Project Chesapeake is accepting clients!
- Japan provided guidance from MDH on telehealth.
 - Any provider type is permitted to render telehealth services as a distant site within their scope of practice. There are no geographic restrictions. Services provided via telehealth must be provided through two-way audio-visual technology assisted communication with the participant who is physically located at a permitted originating site.
 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021
- SOMD Community Network is accepting referrals for case management program with hybrid option.
- Pathways is open virtually and a little bit in person.
- Teen Court has reached out to partner with DJS & the states attorney to look at ways to support youth in these programs.

Partner Updates

- Maryland awarded federal innovation funds to address impact of the opioid crisis on maternal and child health. The Maryland Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) initiative focuses on improving care for pregnant and postpartum Medicaid participants who are diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD). The MOM model will launch at SMCHD on July 1. More details to come!
- Serenity Place is operating on a waitlist. New clinicians joining the practice soon. Working to get women's support group restarted. Co-parenting group starting on 22nd. They have staff working through the TFCBT national certification program. They are also in the certification process for supporting first responder mental health.
- Dee is concern over increase in overdose deaths and legalization of marijuana. He shared information on a book titled Smoke Screen.
- SMCHD Prevention has academic detailers working with prescribers, peers working out in the community, is continuing Naloxone distribution, and will be getting some funding for prevention from covid funding. They have also launched the Hub & Spoke Program.
- Harm Reduction haa an individual to help with insurance registration here at their office every third Thursday of the month from 9a-3p. View their full calendar here.
- Effective July 1, On Our Own will be going back to their regular days and times: Tues -10-6, Wednesday 10-6:30, Thursday 10-6:00 and Fridays 10-7:30.
- Public comment period for Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026 Plan is open through this afternoon at 6:00 p.m..
- Save the Date for the 2021 Virtual HSMP Annual Meeting!
 - We will be having a Virtual Exhibit Hall for the Annual Meeting. Complete the interest form here!

Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**
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stmaryspartnership@gmail.com
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Upcoming

- Friday, July 16, 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.