



# Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, July 16, 2021

# Agenda

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

# Attendance

- Michelle Turkaly - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Suha Ansari - SMCHD
- Jaime Barnes - SMCHD
- Kristen Cox - Seedco
- Kelly Richards - SMCHD
- Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- Marcus Johnson - SMCHD
- Abena Boakye - SMCHD
- David Jones - SMCHD
- Maria Reynolds - SMCHD
- Jess Jolly - Pyramid Walden
- Wade Pratt - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Kristin Voto - SMCHD
- Gregory Jones - St. Mary's County Teen Court
- Bruce Beauverd - Walden University
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD
- Dee Rathbone - National Institute of Citizen Anti-drug Policy
- Jakolyn Crawford - SMCHD
- Jolisa Wills - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Amy Young - Maryland Coalition of Families
- Rachel Solomon - Pathways

# Health Equity

- Subcommittee Members: Rachel Solomon, Kelly Jay, Greg Reuss, Suha Ansari
- SMCHD Health Equity team will be conducting a needs assessment within disparately impacted neighborhoods in Lexington Park. The assessment will include surveying community members within these neighborhoods and then following up with resources.
  - Our team will support this assessment and the survey as needed/able
  - Would like to gather together brochures/supplies for their follow ups
    - Can drop off at SMCHD (attn: Suha Ansari) or can reach out to Suha to schedule pick-up of materials, can also print from pdf

# Youth & Geriatric Mental Health

- Subcommittee Members: Greg Jones, Maryellen Kraese, Carolyn Cullison, Linda Morrell, Kelly Richards, Robin Schrader
- Asset Map & Gap Analysis Project
  - Continuing to work to add services to the map and develop a narrative identifying gaps/needs.
- Jacquie will set up a meeting before end of month to establish action items and discuss next steps.

# 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!
  - Met with a program from North Carolina to learn about their telehealth booth project
  - Looking at equipment vendors this month.
  - Potential pilot locations: Lexington Park Library, Pyramid, Charlotte Hall Library

# Partner Spotlight - AFSP

- AFSP Resources/Menu
- AFSP Maryland Website
- It's Real: Teens & Mental Health Flyer
- Southern Maryland Out of the Darkness Walk - October 24
  - Interested in tabling?
- Project 2025
- September is National Suicide Prevention Month
- October 16 - PRIDE SOMD at Marine Museum - AFSP will be there tabling
- October 16 - Timonium Gun Show - AFSP will be there tabling
- November (Saturday before Thanksgiving) - Survivors Day event
- Resources for underrepresented communities

# Partner Updates

- Dee shared an article from the [St. Mary's County Times](#) this week on the shooting in Lexington Park. NICAP will continue to advocate for random student drug testing
- Bruce Beauverd is a Ph.D. Candidate Walden University. He has been approved for a study exploring what topics parents of early adolescents ages 9- through 12-years in St. Mary's County, Maryland, may address regarding alcohol prevention. He will begin recruiting participants by emailing a recruitment flyer to HSMP members soon..
- Teen Court has noticed a drop in juvenile arrests this past year and a half. As things are starting to reopen the trends are different from pre-COVID. Detainments/arrests are only happening for more serious offenses.
- Pathways' Brain Injury program is back in full swing. Pathways now has a phone service for translation.
- SMCHD Hub & Spoke program has recently been focusing on Lexington Park area. Noticing some individuals that are slipping through the service cracks. Looking for ways to fill those gaps.
- [Healthy St. Mary's 2026](#) plan was released at the beginning of the month. Please share with your organizations and contacts!
- Registration is now open for the 2021 HSMP Annual Meeting! Register [here](#)! If you are interested in participating in the Virtual Exhibit Hall - fill out [this google form](#).
- SMCHD is hiring for an HSMP Coordinator to support all of HSMP's action teams and programs. Apply [here](#)!

# Partner Updates

- St. Mary's County DSS is hiring a social work supervisor. Apply [here](#).
- SMCHD is hiring a suicide prevention coordinator (position will be posted soon!).
- Kelly is really working on marketing programs/events via SMCHD social accounts .
- Kristin - Coordinates for those who are homeless/at risk of homelessness with mental illness. Will include flyers/resources in minutes.
- MOC is working on vaccine hesitancy in 20653 area - [mocstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:mocstmarys@gmail.com)
- Special enrollment extended through December. Seedco's doors are now open (masks required)!!
- SMCHD Health Equity Team is doing outreach around COVID vaccine. They are tabling events throughout the community and conducting door to door canvassing. "Meeting people where they're at" to provide resources. They will be at Elms Beach doing outreach tomorrow.
- [mdnewdirections.org](http://mdnewdirections.org) - is a wonderful non-profit that offers job training, job placement, resume' writing, personal coaching for life skills. Assists Individuals recently out of substance use treatment / incarceration. This non-profit partners with many funders and coordinate the training with jobs available. I've spoken with the director and can provide additional detail if you'd like to reach out.
- Maryland Coalition of Families is working on hiring a bi-lingual specialist in our Central Office

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# Upcoming

- Friday, August 20, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- If you are interested in presenting on your program/organization at a future meeting please email Maryellen, Greg, or Jacquie.