


# Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, March 18, 2022

# Agenda

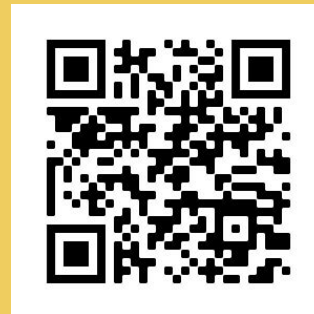
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# Attendance

- Ashley Alhambra - Pathways
- Bryce Johnson - Pathways
- Kristin Voto - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Shan Chen - SMCHD
- Jacqueline Wells - SMCHD
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS)
- Michelle Turkaly - SMCHD
- Nathaniel Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC)
- Christopher Shea - SMCHD
- Marissa Kelsh - MedStar St. Mary's Hospitals (MSMH)
- Becky Sweeney - Southern Maryland Community Network (SMCN)
- Carolyn Cullison - On Our Own of St. Mary's
- Tori Poss - SMCHD
- Jaime Barnes - SMCHD LBHA
- Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- Elena Bell - SMCHD
- Zaneta Artis-Wheeler - Pyramid Walden
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD

# Health Equity

- BHAT Health Equity Subcommittee meeting 2/1/22
  - Review spreadsheet list of salons/barber shops and sign up for outreach with interest form and QR code (bottom right)
    - Flyer (bottom right) created for the BHAT vendor table at Cherry Blossom Festival (March 26)
    - Modifications to interest form
      - Creating a toolkit for partners
      - *“Would you be interested in resources? Training?”*
  - Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled prior to April action team meeting



# Telehealth Access

- Telehealth booths delayed by 4 weeks
  - Anticipated delivery about mid-April
- Reserving a booth will be done through the library's scheduling system ("Reserving a Room") similar to reserving a study room
- Review provider telehealth platform survey
- **Action items**
  - Signage disclaimer: Agreement that privacy is limited
    - Multi-language (English, Spanish, ASL)
      - If you know someone who can assist with ASL translation, please reach out to Shan or Jacquie!
  - Providers:
    - *Please take a moment to complete survey regarding the software used for your telehealth appointments*

# Youth Mental Health Needs

- Youth mental health needs
  - Youth Pandemic Behavior Survey Report
    - Reconfirms qualitative input from providers over the past couple of years
  - What can we implement locally to support what the schools are already doing?
    - Address at the community level, support parents
    - Target Age Group?
    - Target population or area of the county?
  - Who is interested in participating in a subcommittee to decide on a project for the action team?
    - Robin, Stephanie, Greg, Jacquie, Shan, Bryce, Tori
    - Please let us know if you are interested in participating by sending an email to HSMP.

# Advocacy Agenda

- Policy Brief
  - [HB293/SB241](#) (Crisis Response/988 Trust Fund)
    - Senate version has crossed over to opposite chamber
    - We can write letter of support for House committee hearing
    - Partners can reach out to local officials to indicate support.
  - [HB 56](#) (Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment)
    - Has not been voted on by the committee after the hearing. Will continue to monitor.
    - Partners can reach out to local officials to indicate support.
  - [SB94/HB48](#) (Suicide Fatality Review Committee)
    - Both versions have crossed over to opposite chamber
    - We can write letter of support for committee hearings
    - Partners can reach out to local officials to indicate support

# HSMP Planning Tool



- Jacquie demonstrated the new HSMP website feature to the team.
- Please take a moment to register for an account on the website!

# Partner Updates

- SMCHD is recruiting participants for a focus group pertaining to alcohol and marijuana use in young adults and teenagers. Flyers with QR codes can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- SMCPS is in the process of purchasing mental health suicide prevention gatekeeper training for ALL staff, and eventually bringing it to students.
- Pathways is still accepting referrals for their employment program. The clinic is on a waitlist. The transitional age youth (TAY) community is accepting referrals. The staff is back to in person visits!
- SMCN is still in its hiring process for a case manager.
- The SMCHD Buprenorphine Program is doing a lot of outreach and working through some of the barriers with COVID-19. They are working on getting an in-person event together for prescribers.
- SMCHD's Local Behavior Health Authority is hosting 2 trainings in April - April 4: LGBTQ Youth Clinical Strategies, with CEUs provided; April 28 - Suicide and Self Harm in Adolescents, with CEUs provided). Free, but limited space. SOAR still taking referrals - those who are homeless who or at risk of being homeless and a have mental health diagnosis with a treatment plan can receive a housing voucher.
- SMCHD's Suicide & Outreach Prevention Program is taking referrals and working closely on a data form with the Sheriff's office & Maryland State Police. They will be meeting with MSMH next week to get that connection for this program as well.

# Partner Updates

- Minority Outreach Coalition has kicked off their Prevent Type 2 Diabetes class at Lexington Park Library. They are accepting participants through April 1. [Email Nat Scroggins](#) if you are interested in joining!
- Save the Date for the [2022 HSMP Annual Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 29, 2022! This event will be in-person. Event location and agenda details will be released soon.
- Walden will begin their SoMD Youth Count (unaccompanied homeless youth) starting Monday, March 21.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics & AFSP released a [Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention](#), a resource for identifying and supporting adolescents at risk for suicide.
- University of Maryland is recruiting participants for a focus group on underage and adult gambling addiction in the community. Participants will receive a \$20 gift card for their time. Flyer and more info [here!](#)
- Upcoming events:
  - [Cherry Blossom Festival](#)
    - March 26 - 12pm-4pm at Lexington Manor Passive Park
    - BHAT has secured at table at this event
  - [SoMD Photography Gallery & Auction](#)
    - March 26 - 12pm-5pm at PAX River Naval Air Museum
    - During the event there will be an auction of work with the proceeds going to The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention & others

# Communications

- Submit event and news updates/information through
  - the website <http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/>
  - or email [stmaryspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspartnership@gmail.com)
- Follow HSMP on Social Media
  - Facebook: [Healthy St. Mary's Partnership](#)
  - Twitter: [@HealthyStMarys](#)

# Upcoming

- Friday, April 22, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
  - Partner Spotlight: Local Care Team