



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Virtual Stakeholder Meetings

In 2020, the Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) created a Behavioral Health Equity Workgroup to develop and implement strategies, programs, and activities to increase a shared set of values that creates cohesiveness, and promotes equity and inclusion across the Maryland Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS). Six subcommittees were formed under the Behavioral Health Equity workgroup. In 2022, the Policy and Procedures subcommittee shifted its focus in reviewing policies and best practices in providing services to individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The subcommittee aims to implement policies that support access to quality services for all Marylanders regardless of age, culture, disability, gender identity, ethnicity, race, or religious and/or sexual orientation.

The Policy and Procedures subcommittee will host five regional stakeholder meetings to share information on PBHS services available and to obtain input from stakeholders on how to enhance public behavioral services for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing in Maryland:

CENTRAL REGION

**Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022: 12pm - 4pm and
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023: 9am - 12pm**
*Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Harford, and Howard Counties*

MID-EASTERN SHORE REGION and LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023: 9am - 12pm
*Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Mid-Shore
Behavioral Health, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot,
Wicomico, and Worcester Counties*

SOUTHERN REGION and CAPITAL REGION

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023: 1pm - 4pm
*Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and
St. Mary's Counties*

WESTERN REGION

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023: 1pm - 4pm
*Alleghany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington
Counties*

American Sign Language (ASL) will be provided during each Stakeholder Meeting