


Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Reduce ED visits
3. No Shows
4. Health Equity
5. Partner Updates

Introductions

- Anna Guy - Hope and Healing Psychotherapy, LLC
 - Greg Jones - Teen Court
 - James McDaniel - Serenity Place
 - Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
 - Chris Shea - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Eliot Willenborg - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Jacquie Wells - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Kristin Voto - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Maryellen Kraese - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Michelle Turkaly - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Taylor Nickerson - St. Mary's County Health Department
 - Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
 - Amy Young - Maryland Coalition of Families
 - Greg Reuss - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
 - Melaina Pitta - Pyramid Healthcare
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Reduce ED Visits

- The Family Education Subcommittee was formed to discuss and implement effective and preventive approaches to reduce youth mental health crisis emergency visits
 - The subcommittee held its first meeting on June 7
 - Review the meeting minutes [here](#)
 - The next meeting will be Wed, June 21 from 9:00am - 10:00am
 - [Email Shan](#) if you'd like a meeting invite
- Robin will share the results of the SMCPs Assessment once findings have been released to the Board of Education
- Update from subcommittee for Mental Health Court
 - Maryellen and Kristen reviewed the 2020 Summary Report and agreed that a subcommittee is worth pursuing
 - They will work on the next steps which include following up with report recommendations, updating the data, reviewing solutions and funding, and discussing with the District Court Administrative Judge

No Shows

- Suggestions from the last meeting were added to our sample Client Letter for providers. The next step is to send it over to language services to be translated into Spanish!
- Thank you for sharing the Assessing No Shows Survey and flyer!
 - 20 responses were collected
 - Common reasons for missing behavioral health appointments were transportation issues, and that they forgot or had scheduling conflicts (e.g., work)
 - Because of the small sample size, the results are inconclusive, but it gives us an idea of the barriers individuals face
- Transportation Advisory Council is currently analyzing its data from its STS survey. They should have its full report released by July 20
- How well does the community know about our transportation resources?
 - There was a discussion on transportation options to/from health services (Uber rides, cab services, health programs that offer transportation, gas vouchers)
 - We will reach out to SMCHD's Medical Assistance Transportation Program for data on no shows

Health Equity

- Providing training and education to providers
 - Healthy Equity & Racial Justice in Public Health
 - Training on running a behavioral health clinic as a business
 - Fostering retention in the counseling field
 - PESI Training
 - **Action Item:** Reach out to Tammy for training for providers
- The team will assess funding opportunities to hold trainings
- The Violence, Injury & Trauma Action Team is inviting BHAT members to its action team meetings! VIT is working on ways to address the provider shortage - one method is by offering social incentives, such as recognition for providers servicing St. Mary's County
- Are you interested in participating in a subcommittee to spearhead this?
[Email HSMP!](#)

Partner Updates

- SMCHD is hiring for HSMP's Local Health Improvement Coordinator position! We are anticipating to have this person on boarded by August.
- [Maryland Coalition of Families](#) is looking to coordinate a mutual aid meeting between Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's county to make aware of behavioral health services offered at each (mobile crisis services, Health Hub, etc.). Email [Amy Young](#) if interested.
- [Teen Court](#) is continuing to handle cases at full capacity. Cases seem to be worsening; the majority are assault cases and the severity of charges are also increasing. On a positive note, Teen Court has received excellent responses and feedback from those referred to SMCHD's mentoring programs.
- BHAT Members are invited to attend [Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team](#) meetings! Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:00pm. [Email HSMP](#) for a calendar invite.
- [Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy](#) is hiring! They are looking for a family law attorney and an attorney specializing in protective orders as well as a crisis hotline worker.
- A recording of last Wednesday's Community Briefing on Cannabis Legalization can be viewed [here](#)!
- SMCHD and iMind Behavioral Health, Inc. are partnering to provide mobile crisis stabilization services in St. Mary's and Charles counties. This free service is available for community members who are experiencing severe situational, emotional, or behavioral crisis to provide immediate, onsite crisis intervention and debriefing services. Click [here](#) to view the press release!
- SMCHD launched its [Warmline for Crisis Response](#) earlier this month. To reach the warmline, call (410) 768-5522. 9-8-8 is still the recommended resource for crisis services.
- Join us for the [2023 Juneteenth Celebration](#) tomorrow afternoon!
- Ridge Lions Club is hosting [Shed/Medication Take Back Day](#) on June 24 from 10am-1pm.

Communications

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Friday, July 21, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? [Sign up here!](#)
 - July's Partner Spotlight: Fleet & Family Support Center