



Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting

Friday, December 15, 2023

Agenda

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

Introductions

- Access the attendee list [here](#)!

Reduce ED Visits

- The Family Education Subcommittee updates:
 - Please continue sharing our Family Education Resources [landing page](#) and [one-pager](#) with your networks, local libraries, and outreach partners!
 - The Spanish translation of the landing page will be live at January's BHAT meeting. Thank you to the SMCHD's [Language Services Team](#)!
 - The next subcommittee meeting is January 3 - [email HSMP](#) for an invite!
- Mental Health Court Subcommittee updates:
 - Subcommittee members are working on the draft report.
 - Would you like to join the subcommittee and help write the 2023 MHC Report? Reach out to [Shan](#).
 - Shan has coordinated for Judge Chesser and Judge Saunders to meet on January 4 to discuss the details of Calvert County's Mental Health docket. Additionally, members will be attending Calvert County's next Mental Health docket on December 20 at 1:00 PM.
 - The next mental health court meeting is January 25 - [email HSMP](#) for an invite!

No Shows

- The Client Letter For Providers (Spanish version) is ready to be shared!
 - We will be piloting and rolling out the letter soon.
 - The letter has been sent to Tammy Loewe, Serenity Place LLC, and St. Mary's County Public Schools.
 - Pathways Inc. will also help to distribute the letter.
 - We will develop a survey to see if implementation of the letter is helping clients to connect, monitor attendance, and track how they are being used.
 - The team will follow-up and review with participating providers in February or March 2024.

Health Equity

- The team discussed ways to provide training and education to private practices in St. Mary's County. We will be sharing our list of suggested Health Equity trainings with SMCHD Behavioral Health. [Email](#) HSMP if you'd like to include additional trainings.
- BHAT is coordinating outreach events (to coincide with health observances) and canvassing throughout the county in 2024.
 - May is Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Proclamation
 - St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) and HSMP will be promoting Mental Health Day on May 18 at the Tech Center.
 - July is Minority Mental Health Month
 - The team discussed holding an event at the [Health Hub](#).
 - Other outreach event ideas:
 - Cherry Blossom Festival
 - SMCHD's Health Equity team distributed Health Hub door hangers in Lexington Park and Great Mills on December 14. Additional door hangers are available - request them [here](#)!
 - Members that would like to assist in future canvassing: Elliot Willenborg (Maryland Response Corps), Natalie Lynch

Partner Updates

- SMCHD has a newly onboarded SOAR Coordinator, Natalie Lynch. The SOAR program is now accepting applications and referrals!
- Pathways Inc. will be offering a series of Parent Cafes soon. They are also a Community Mental Health Awareness 5K on Saturday, April 27, 2024! Pathways Clinic will be presenting more information about upcoming projects surrounding child abuse, mental health rehabilitation, and exciting new initiatives as our first BHAT Partner Spotlight of 2024!
 - In its Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP), they have one male intensive and one male general spot open. In its TAY programs, they have both male and female beds available.
- SMCSO's COPS Unit will be doing outreach to unhoused persons on December 21. They will be visiting encampments, handing out supply bags, and providing mental health resources as appropriate.

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](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- **Friday, January 19, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? Sign up [here!](#)