



# **Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting**

**Welcome! Please Sign In**

**Friday, March 20, 2026**

**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2026 Projects
5. Community Forum
6. Meeting Close
  - Contact HSMP
  - Upcoming Meetings

# Introductions

- See the attendee [list](#)
  - As a reminder, please mute yourself when you are not talking
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- Action Team Co-Chairs
    - **Chris Shea** - Program Manager of the Health Hub at SMCHD
    - **Jodi Gardiner**- Lead Family Peer Support Specialist at Maryland Coalition of Families

# Partner Spotlight

- Annie Carver and Blair Innis
  - Legal Resource Center
  - View the slides
  - Legislative calls happen every other Tuesday during the legislative session. The next is March 31 at 11:30.
  - Legislative tracker

# Advocacy

- **[HB0280](#) - Health Insurance - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - Codification of Federal Requirements:** Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.
  - Vote: passed 19 to 0.
- **[SB0039](#) - Behavioral Health - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Reimbursement Rates:** Establishing the Workgroup on Certified Behavioral Health Clinic Implementation and Rate Methodology in the Behavioral Health Administration; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain rate study of outpatient mental health centers in the State; requiring the Department to increase the Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimbursement rate for outpatient mental health centers by 3% in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; etc.
  - Vote: Passed 19 to 0. View the [Letter of Support](#)
- Both bills passed steering committee. Amanda will be writing LOS for us to submit.

# Partner Updates

Please type out your update, including any links or contact information, and put them in the chat. This ensures the minutes are correct.

- **HSMP** has launched a survey for all community members. Please help us share these as they help us determine the **HSMP** priority areas for the next 6 years! The survey will be open to all who live, work, or play in SMC until **June 30, 2026**. Learn more and download the flyers at [healthystmarys.com/cha2026](http://healthystmarys.com/cha2026)
- Sign up to help table for HSMP here! We cannot attend events without volunteers.
  - Already tabling at an event? Consider having the CHA flyer at your table. Contact Lauren for paper copies.
- **Fleet and Family Support Services** has released their April class list. They will have a mental health awareness kickoff event on May 7 and the Casting Hope event on June 13. On April 3 they will have a No to Abuse event
- **Maryland Coalition of Families** will host a problem gambling event on May 2 at 2 PM at the Leonardtown Library for caregivers to understand video games and their impacts.
- June 19 is Freedom Day. June 20 will be the Freedom Day Celebration at the Fairgrounds, hosted by **UCAC**. If you would like to be a vendor, you can sign up at [ucaconline.org/juneteenth](http://ucaconline.org/juneteenth). This event is free and open to the public
- **SMCHD** and the **Department of Aging** will have a community shred and medication take back event at the SMC government campus on April 25! The **SMCHD Risk Reduction** team will be there to provide resources. View the press release.

# Partner Updates, Cont.

- **SMCHD RFP**: Youth mentoring expansion and housing information sessions for individuals to secure permanent housing. Reach out to Chris for more information.
- **Center for Children** will be hosting a child abuse prevention event on April 2, from 12 - 1 PM at their LaPlata office. Reach out to Jocelyn Fisher for more information.
- **SMCHD** Prevention and Promotion team was awarded a grant on problem gambling.
  - October 2025: problem gambling billboard
  - March 10: Problem gambling awareness month was honored
  - Informational handouts and promo items available. Reach out to Taylor Nickerson!

# Comprehensive Guide

- SMCHD has been working a comprehensive guide to behavioral health providers and more.
- Feedback on the draft:
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# 2026 Projects

- Host a training
  - Maryland ROPTA will be able to provide a free training. Let's pick which training would be the most relevant
    - Which 2 under the Overdose Response should we use?
    - Other agencies interested in hosting some trainings
  - What month? Day of the week? During the workday or after hours?
  - Virtual or in person?

# Community Forum

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## Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming Meetings



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# Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up [here](#)
- Our next meeting will be April 17, 2026

