



# **Behavioral Health Action Team Meeting**

**Welcome! Please Sign In**

**Friday, August 21, 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
  - We will not accept any AI notetaker into the meeting
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- Action Team Co-Chairs
    - **Chris Shea** - Program Manager of the Health Hub at SMCHD
    - **Jodi Gardiner**- Peer Program Assistant at Santé

# Partner Spotlight

- Holly Hardesty
- Program Director at the Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's County
- Email: [office@communitymediationsmc.org](mailto:office@communitymediationsmc.org)
- Workshops are held on the last Tuesday of each month, 2:30 -3:45 at the Health Hub in Lexington Park!
- [Slides](#)
- Community Conversation at the LP Library
  - [Talking through AI](#)
- [Parenting Plan](#)

# 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.

- Registration has opened for the 2026 **HSMP** Annual Meeting. We hope to see you at this all-day in-person conference on September 24 to learn from a variety of speakers on public health topics.
  - We will announce the new action teams and hold an interactive session to brainstorm projects in the afternoon plenary!
  - **HSMP** is seeking donations for items to add in attendee bags (140), and for snacks
  - We are also hosting a toiletry drive. Items collected will benefit SMCPS families.
- **HSMP** is creating a digital community cookbook! Submit your healthy recipes through August 31. Open to all community member [that includes you!] Everyone who submits a recipe will be entered into a random drawing for Aldi gift cards.
- **SMCHD** is hosting the 5th Annual Walk for Recovery on Saturday, September 19th from 9am - 12pm in Leonardtown Square. Register here for the Walk for Recovery. Vendor registration closes August 31st.
- **SMCFA** will be holding their 5th annual “Why Don’t They Just Leave?” Panel and Discussion on October 19 at the LP Library. Help pack bags for survivors at 5:30 PM and hear from the panel at 6 PM. Please register for this free event!
  - Teens and adults are invited to submit their artwork following the prompt “What does love look like?” Prizes will be awarded to participants following voting.

# Partner Updates, Cont.

- Farmers Feeding St. Mary's second session will be on September 12! They are still looking for volunteers.
- **SMCHD** and **Calvert County Health Department** will hold Recovery Fest on Saturday, September 5th from 10am - 2pm at AnnMarie Gardens.
- **SMCHD's** Language Services Team will be holding a monthly support group for Spanish-speaking individuals. The next session is on August 31 at 3:30pm at the Health Hub. Children are welcome - there will be a separate space with adult supervision and activities!
- **SMCHD** is offering Back to School Vaccine Clinics - registration is strongly encouraged! Clinics will take place at the following dates, times, and locations:
  - **Spring Ridge SBHC**
    - August 29 from 10am - 2pm
  - **SMCHD Main Office in Leonardtown**
    - September 11, 18, and 25 from 1 - 3:30 PM
- The **International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD)** Tea & Talk gathering will take place on August 31 from 5-6pm at Beacon of Hope 46940 S Shangri La Drive, Suite 10 Lexington Park. Come to talk and support as well as gain resources. Hosted by Pyramid Healthcare, Beacon of Hope & The Cove. For more information, call 240-808-1875 or email Riley Brown

## Partner Updates, Cont.

- **SMCHD** Dental Program now has a contract with Greater Baden in Brandywine. The Greater Baden Lexington Park office will be opening soon.
- **SMCHD** is giving away lock bags for safe storage for cannabis. Contact [Stephanie](#) for more information.
- **MedStar St. Mary's Hospital** is currently looking for community members to take the 2027 [MedStar Health Community Health Needs Assessment Survey](#). Be sure to share your input!
- On Saturday, September 12th, the [Health Hub](#) is welcoming its 4 new community partners with an open house from 9am - 3pm. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in tabling, reach out to [Chris](#).
- [The Faith Solution of the DMV](#) has immediate openings for therapy for children and adults. Couples therapy is also available.
- [Pathways](#) is still taking referrals for programs. Reach out to Britney Ford-Reid by [email](#) or call 240-526-1564 if you would like her to drop off information.
- [Sante Wellness and Recovery Center](#) is offering a peer support hour for those 18 & up at the Lexington Park Library on Wednesday, August 26th from 12:30pm - 1:30pm.
- **Charlie Health** has free virtual continuing education seminars. Register for their next one: [Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction: A Practical Approach to Substance Use Disorders](#), Thursday, August 27th 2026 at 1pm.

# Partner Updates, Cont.

- The TriCounty Memory Walk at **Serenity Farm** on September 12 in Benedict is an annual event in memory of those lost by overdose and the disease of addiction.
- SOMD Reviving the Community Fair will be on Sunday October 25th at Kings Landing Park in Huntingtown - Unstoppable You Ministries will be attending so stop by and see Jennifer!
- **MCF** Taking Flight is hosting a Back to School Day resource event at Action Lounge and Billiards on August 23rd from 1pm-4pm. Join them for a fun filled day featuring community resources tables, family friendly activities, raffle prizes and school supply giveaways. Contact Olivia Suite at 443-542-7151 for more information.
- **Carelon** published new Clinical Quality Resources -> Choose HEDIS and/or Surveys for recent information and results for the 2025 Provider Survey and Consumer Perception of Care surveys. You can also view the updated PBHS manual.
- **Narcotics Anonymous, Chesapeake & Potomac Region** has immediate access to free direct peer support for anyone in the community that you may be concerned about contact Dana B, Public Relations Committee Chairperson CPRNA.org
- **Breton Bay Dentistry** is hosting a Free Dental Day on Saturday, September 12 from 7am-12pm. For more information, call 301-475-2881.

# Community Forum

- **MindSpring** trainings are no longer available for the NFP team at SMCHD. Does anyone know of other educational modules that would include Trauma informed topics - bipolar disorder, how to deal with people with substance use issues, ADHD, etc.
  - **Charlie Health** may be able to pass along info for Jenn
  - <https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/aces-training/resources/>
  - **MarylandROPTA** -Reinforcing Overdose Prevention Through Training & Advocacy and Opioid Response Network (ORN)

## Meeting Close

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# Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up [here](#)
- Our next meeting will be **October 9, 2026 at 10 AM**
  - This is not a typical meeting date! The calendar invite will be updated next week
- We hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting on **September 24!**

