



Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority Advisory Council

January 29, 2025

12pm-2pm

Purpose: Oversight and provision for the Local Behavioral Health Authority's strategic plan to ensure quality behavioral health services are good quality, accessible, and plentiful to Calvert County residents.

AGENDA:

| Time | What | Who |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 12:00pm | Call to Order & Roll Call -Approve December meeting minutes | LBHA Team |
| 12:10pm | Review Strategic Plan | Andrea McDonald-Fingland |
| 12:50pm | FY25/FY26 Budget Cuts | Andrea McDonald-Fingland & Justin Thompson |
| 1:00pm | LBHA/Subcommittee Updates | LBHA Team |
| 1:40pm | Council Member Updates & Discussion | All |
| 1:55PM | Adjourn | |

Attendance: Betsy Van Auker, Cynthia Scribner, Megan Sarikaya, Candice D'Agostino, Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Danielle Reumont, Katie Dorsey, Justin Thompson, Josh Underwood, Jennifer Mooreland, Ed Sullivan, Cecelia Lewis, Kimberly Shoe, Kara Harrer, Denise Dickerson, Christine Diemer, Noelle Flaherty, Champ Thomaskutty

Call to Order & Roll Call

Attendance was taken and Kara Harrer, Chair, requested a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2024:

1st motion: Candice D'Agostino
2nd motion: Megan Sarikaya
Vote to approve: 8 out of 11 members
Abstain from voting: 3 out of 11 members
Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Review Strategic Plan

Andrea provided members with a review of the [FY26 LBHA Strategic Plan Year 3 Update](#) for approval. Kara Harrer discussed a desired edit to the plan to include collaboration between the BHCO and C&A Subcommittees on the planned survey conducted to identify barriers to service access and the subsequent plan to address existing gaps between providers and residents. This request was echoed by LBHA staff who had similar feedback. Noelle discussed a High Utilizer group that is being developed at the hospital and the desire to collaborate with the LBHA's work on creating a High Utilizer meeting within the Crisis Subcommittee. A vote to approve the LBHA Strategic Plan was conducted.

1st motion: Noelle Flaherty
2nd motion: Betsy Van Auker
Vote to approve: 9 out of 11 members
Abstain from voting: 3 out of 11 members
Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

FY25/FY26 Budget Cuts

There was recently a temporary pause placed on federal funding. We are waiting for further guidance on if and how this might affect our federal grants. Until further guidance is provided by State and Federal governments, the LBHA will continue to conduct business as usual. There is a [statement](#) from Governor Moore available discussing this issue.

Statewide budget cuts have been proposed by Governor Moore and it is still unclear if this will affect LBHA funds. BHA does not appear to have any significant cuts but we are still waiting for guidance and continuing to plan for FY26 while also working on a list of potential cuts if they do come into fruition. The LBHA will prioritize internal funding cuts before seeking cuts from vendors and has been meeting with vendors of contracts with State funds asking them to prepare for potential cuts by finding any funding that can be sacrificed within their budgets without impacting services. Jennifer reports the Attorney General's office is hosting budget meetings and she will send us information on how to get involved.

LBHA/Subcommittee Updates

The [LBHA staff provided updates](#) within the department. The subcommittee chairs provided updates about the work being done within each group.

The Governance Subcommittee has approved 4 recent membership applications for vote by the Council.

Voting for Kimberly Shoe

Vote to approve: 7 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 4 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Voting for Janeen Collison

Vote to approve: 7 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 4 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Voting for Besty Van Auken

Vote to approve: 7 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 4 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Voting for Christian Worthen

Vote to approve: 7 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 4 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Our current vacancies include:

- A practicing physician
- a provider of prevention services
- 2 behavioral health providers that are not physicians.

The Council reviewed the Subcommittee Policy and Procedure, no changes were recommended. A motion to approve the policy and procedure was made.

1st motion: Betsy Van Auken

2nd motion: Candice D'Agostino

Vote to approve: 8 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 3 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

The Council reviewed updated bylaws proposed by the Governance Subcommittee. Changes included amending one of the “behavioral health providers who are not a physician” positions to be a provider with experience providing behavioral health services to service members and

veterans. The term limits of the Chair and Vice chair positions were also increased from 1 to 2 years. These updates were reviewed and approved by the Council.

1st motion: Betsy Van Auker

2nd motion: Megan Sarikaya

Vote to approve: 7 out of 11 members

Abstain from voting: 4 out of 11 members

Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 11 members

Council Member Updates & Discussion

Calvert Health- Hospital is increasing in census due to respiratory diseases, overwhelmed ED, a lot of Flu, RSV, and COVID. Peer and hospital partnership has been very successful. The hospital staff are currently developing care plans for high utilizers for ED and linking them to community resources.

CAASA- Capital Steps graduation event will occur on April 11th; tickets are on sale; contact Candice for more details.

Next Meeting: [March 31, 2025, 12pm-2pm- In person, MUST RSVP through Google Invite](#)