



Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority Advisory Council

October 7, 2024
8:30am-4:30pm
All Day Retreat

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
8:30am	Call to Order & Roll Call -Approve August meeting minutes -LBHA Updates	Andrea McDonald-Fingland
9:00am	Orientation & Grant review	Andrea McDonald-Fingland & Danielle Reumont
10:30am	Break	All
10:45am	Intro to Strategic Planning	LBHA
11:00am	Data Presentation- Strategic Plan	Aaliyah Robertson
11:30am	Gap Analysis Presentation	Andrea McDonald-Fingland
12:00pm	Lunch LBHA Jeopardy	All
1:00pm	LBHA Strategic Planning	All
2:30pm	Break	All
2:45pm	LBHA Strategic Planning Continued	All
4:30pm	Meeting Adjourned	All

Attendance: Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Katie Dorsey, Sarah Bailey, Derek Adams, Danielle Reumont, Justin Thompson, Jayla Jones, Kim Suarez, Kara Harrer, Nicholas DeFelice, Candace

D'Agostino, Cynthia Scribner, Danielle Johnson, Denise Dickerson, Ed Sullivan, Jennifer Moreland, Margaret Van Auker, Megan Sarikaya, Noelle Flaherty, Paula Hewlett, Larry Polsky, and Ariane Odom

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

- 1st motion: Cynthia Scribner
- 2nd motion: Jennifer Mooreland
- Vote to approve: 11 out of 13 members
- Abstain from voting: 2 out of 13 members
- Vote to deny approval: 0 out of 13 members

LBHA Updates-

The LBHA staff provided [updates](#) within the department as well as [subcommittee updates](#). Andrea provided an update about the Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports grant. The Calvert County LBHA will be applying this December or January to act as the HUB to coordinate implementation of behavioral health services within the local public schools.

Orientation

Andrea presented on the [Local Behavioral Health Authority](#), with a detailed description of the LBHA's role within the community. This presentation also outlined the role and responsibilities of the Calvert County Advisory Council, including membership, expectations, and policies and procedures.

Grant review

Justin and Danielle gave a presentation on [the LBHA grant performance](#) from 2021 to 2024 to track data trends. The new Deputy of the Behavioral Health Administration has created new expectations with grant oversight. This means that moving forward, each grant recipient will be required to collect more specific data as well as provide more documentation during monthly reports and audits, including job descriptions for anyone paid out of grants funds, a more detailed expenditure justification, etc.

Strategic Planning Data Presentation

Aaliyah Robertson gave a [data presentation on Calvert County](#) that will drive the work on the creation and updating of the LBHA Strategic Plan for FY26.

Gap Analysis Presentation

Andrea gave a [Gap Analysis presentation](#) to review the areas of need within Calvert County's behavioral health system of care. Included in this discussion was a review of the [Gap Analysis report](#). Feedback from the council included the use of telehealth for treatment options. According to a meeting of the Local Care Team, several parents have stated that telehealth is not beneficial

for the younger children but is beneficial for the older youth. The older youth prefer it because they are more comfortable with telehealth and more likely to attend those services. Ideally, the use of both telehealth and in person services would help to meet the needs of Calvert's diverse population. Time/schedules and transportation are huge barriers to in person services. Waitlists are a huge barrier in Calvert County and most in person services are booked for months so the option of telehealth may assist in this aspect. There is a huge lack of specialty services within the county as well as a need to cater services to special populations and residents with a need for high levels of care. The Community Resources Organization is in acquisition for a potential "one stop shop" location on Main Street. There will be a commissioner's public hearing on October 22nd at 10:30am to provide feedback regarding this project.

LBHA Strategic Planning

The Advisory Council members reviewed the current LBHA strategic plan and made recommendations for changes that would be more relevant to the local data reviewed at today's retreat. The Council reviewed feedback given from subcommittee members and the goals relevant to the BHCO Subcommittee, Child & Adolescent Subcommittee, and Crisis Subcommittee. These changes will drive the work completed in these three subcommittees.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2024, 12pm-2pm