

## ***Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council (AODAAC)***

**Meeting Minutes: Thursday December 9, 2021, 7:00- 9:00 pm**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Voting Members Present:** Ed “Bunny” Rich, Evelyn Saim-Lobos, Elyse Grossman, Laura Mitchell, Cristina Rabadan, Doreen Rubin, Denyse Dillon, Valerie Adelson, Kabir Singh, Margaret Mattson

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Hardy Bennett, Corey Berman, Dr. Rolando Santiago, Suzy Malagari, Gabriela Monzon-Reynolds, Ingrid Gonzalez, Kyle Potter, Lt. Ruben Rosario, Celia Serkin, Sara Rose, Man Cho

**Guests Present:** Tim Underwood, Elizabeth Leek, Nicholas Borowski, Amy (last name unknown)

**Call to order.** Laura Mitchell, Chair, called the Zoom videoconference meeting to order at 7:05pm. With 10 voting members, a quorum was present. AODAAC voting members approved drafted October and November meeting minutes.

### **HopeOneSource Nonprofit in Washington, D.C. (this portion of the meeting was recorded)**

#### **Tim Underwood, ED**

- The nonprofit’s purpose is: Equitably connecting vulnerable residents to essential verified services with dignity, security, and ease. They help vulnerable people by helping the organizations that serve them.
- Tim is an Air Force Veteran, Reserve Officer, and former federal employee who worked nearly a decade on national homelessness programs. In 2015 he and his wife participated in an advocacy group event to “experience homelessness” and try accessing services firsthand. They met homeless individuals who all had at least some unmet need such as legal assistance, mental health care, job security etc. that led to vulnerability, but for all of these needs there was a nonprofit, church, or local government program to serve their need if only they were connected to what was available, what exists.
- HopeOneSource allows for unlimited free text messages to be sent. The DC government uses it to send out alerts including hypothermia shelter transportation info, which has effectively reduced deaths.
- During a poll of AODAAC attendees’ priorities for Montgomery County, the top answers were:
  - Having a verified listing of up-to-date nearby available services with eligibility requirements
  - Getting the word out about services and connecting people to them
- There are hurdles to accessing services such as eligibility (e.g., only serves families), changing hours of operation due to COVID, and distance/public transit access. The app provides a list of services and vulnerable people can bookmark the ones they are most interested in. They can trust the app has the most up-to-date information because volunteers regularly call to verify it.
- 90% of people in poverty have a cell phone, and those who don’t can access on a computer or through organizations that serve them.
- HopeOneSource has volunteers who do mobile outreach in DC, make calls to verify organization information, who translate to Spanish, and who do the technology/programming.
- HopeOneSource has served over 30,000 vulnerable people and hundreds of providers. They have started working with a few organizations in Montgomery County especially Silver Spring and are in talks with a County Housing provider, but they are not yet fully operating in Montgomery County.
- Partners include DC government, nonprofits, churches, and corporate social responsibility companies.

- HopeOneSource allows users to sign up for text alerts on organizations they are interested in. Texts also include quotes and words of encouragement, and users are asked to rate how hopeful they are. Users can also provide ratings and feedback on the different organizations to inform others.

## Q&A

- Laura asked about the **user experience of the website** when not logged in. Tim said there are 3 ways people get connected to HomeOneSource:
  - Partnering service providers, some of whom have HopeOneSource check-in kiosks
  - Text “Hope” to 51523
  - Mobile outreach van volunteers engage people

Once someone knows about the site, they click sign up. Mandatory fields are name, phone, e-mail, and date of birth. Users can elect to receive messages based on services, demographics, and distance, and providers can limit whether their services are shown based on these criteria too. Users are asked how hopeful they are on a scale of 1-5. If they select a 1 or 2 the National Suicide Hotline and text support automatically reach out. The system is HIPAA compliant, all personal data is encrypted and never shared.

- Margaret asked about **behind-the-scenes organizations that make the resource possible**. Tim said sponsors include the IEEE technical association of engineers, which gave seed funding for the first 3 years. There are other sponsors who give both in-kind and funding donations. HopeOneSource partners with organizations one-on-one as well as with communities for a community launch.
- Margaret asked **what Montgomery County would need to do to get HopeOneSource in the county**. Tim said the platform is already set up in a centralized way that is increasingly streamlined, with a dedicated team who could start making calls with all registered nonprofits and local government entities in Montgomery County to verify services and eligibility. HopeOneSource would start by setting up a meeting with all of interested Montgomery County stakeholders, get the requirements for what is needed and by when, and proceed from there.
- Cristina asked about the **biggest barriers HopeOneSource has overcome**. Time said they did not consider how busy service providers are and assumed they would initiate. However, nonprofits have high attrition, funding challenges, grant requirements to meet, etc. 2 years into HopeOneSource he realized the platform cannot just serve community members: to be successful they would need to provide value to the providers so the platform makes their job easier, faster, and more efficient.
- Valerie asked if **non-English speakers can access the platform**. Tim said this question was asked in their first year and the solution is still in use. Users can subscribe to Spanish alerts from a team that translates messages into Spanish. This is the only language offered currently
- Evelyn commended Tim for the platform. Her organization has interns manually update a resource list each year which is tedious and hard to maintain. Tim added that another challenge currently is COVID staff shortages and reduced hours, so someone does not always pick up the phone at the organizations. For people with addiction, domestic violence, etc., if someone does not pick up the phone or if the caller does not know the “right” questions to ask to confirm they are eligible, calling can lead to hopelessness.
- Margaret asked **how many volunteers** keep the system running, Tim said there are a little less than 400 active volunteers currently, but the number needed varies based on how engaged volunteers are.
- Celia proposed a possible collaboration with Montgomery County’s [infoMontgomery](#). **Celia said she will link the Councilperson who oversees infoMontgomery with Laura and Corey**, since putting existing infoMontgomery information into a more usable format could benefit many people.

## Ex-Officio Reports

### **Hardy Bennett, Montgomery County DHHS, Behavioral Health & Crisis Services (BHCS)**

- BHCS is continuing to refine hybrid in-person and telework services to meet consumer needs of both younger and older individuals. BHCS is also negotiating how many days employees are permitted to be at-home versus in the office.
- The county's 2 Child and Adolescent mental health clinics (Rockville and Silver Spring) both have waitlists. They are working on a way to prioritize high-acuity individuals who cannot wait for services or refer them to other nonprofit providers in the continuum.
- Candidates have been recommended to fill 2 supervisory positions, pending vetting and approval from the Office of Human Resources (OHR).
- Athena Morrow retired and her former Adult Forensic Services position was posted for 30 days. Hardy is hoping to receive a list of eligible candidates from OHR next week to begin the interviewing process.
- Younger consumers tend to prefer telehealth while older consumers tend to prefer in-person.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> ever Montgomery County Mental Health Court graduation commencement was one week ago. There were 16 graduates which is the highest number yet. Channel 9 news interviewed the State's Attorney and one of the graduates.

### **Dr. Santiago, Montgomery County DHHS, Behavioral Health & Crisis Services (BHCS)**

- See his full report at the end of this minutes document (Pages 7-8)
- Last Friday at 7am was the kickoff meeting of the Leadership Collaborative for Montgomery County BHCS, which will help advise on community crisis response efforts. The group consists of leaders from the 4 county hospital systems, the Director of DHHS, the Chief of Police, Chief of Fire & Rescue, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and the chairs from AODAAC and the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC), Laura Mitchell and Helga Luest.
- Laura asked about the note in his report asking for feedback from AODAAC on the BHCS strategic plan. **Dr. Santiago said he will send the 3-page strategic plan document to Corey, Laura, and Hardy** who will send it to AODAAC members requesting their feedback.

### **Gabriela Monzon-Reynolds, Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS)**

- See her full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 9)
- All of the current alcohol bills are being supported by the County Executive and County Council. There will be a hearing on the bills on December 15.
- There is a program for new license holders to understand roles, responsibilities, and requirements to pass inspections.
- ABS is launching the Keeping it Safe student contest next week for middle and high school students in public and private schools in Montgomery County. Students should submit a 30 second public service message video about underage alcohol use. ABS is working with MCPS to make a flyer and they will have an information session on January 13 at 3pm to go over the rules. The prizes go to the student's school and range from around \$200-\$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

- There are 157 license holders using the [permission](#). ABS is still accepting permission requests on a rolling basis. 10-15 more people have applied for permission.
- **Dr. Kyle Potter offered to promote Keeping it Safe through his offices if Gabriela sends him the flyer.**
- **Laura offered to promote Keeping it Safe during virtual lunchtime Wellness Wednesdays with high school students.** She said it could also be a good hook for the student ambassador program run by Ben Stevenson II.

#### **Dr. Kyle Potter, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)**

- See his full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 10)
- Dr. Potter asked for Hardy's help addressing MCPS mental health concerns. **Hardy said he will connect Kyle with Viviana Azar**, manager of the county's Child and Adolescent Services.
- There is an MOU for Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) wraparound services, as well as linkages to youth services from DHHS in many buildings. There are also individual clusters partnering with county resources.
- There has been an increase in "self-searches" when a student is suspected of breaking a school rule or law, such as if they smell of smoke.
- **Kyle will get back to Laura about whether SUPRE is currently running.** Handle With Care is currently.
- Doreen asked about the 5 wellness centers at MCPS schools and whether they are new since they are not at all schools. Kyle believes they are paid for by DHHS. He believes they have been around for awhile.

#### **Lt. Brent Kearney, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD)**

- See his full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 11)
- There is an uptick in nonfatal and in fatal overdoses. Fataals are up by 37% and nonfatal are up by 22% to date compared to last year. Over 95% involved fentanyl or fentanyl compounds.
- MCPD is seeing an uptick in new compounds.
- Laura asked about increasing test strip distribution. Lt. Kearney said the best outcomes happen when items are easily accessible/ well-promoted and there is not much pushback. **Lt. Kearney said he will connect Laura with the MCPD's community engagement professionals about this topic.**

#### **Suzy Malagari, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (DOCR)**

- See her full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 12)
- COVID vaccines are offered weekly and about 50% of inmates agree to be vaccinated.
- There are no inmate COVID positives but there is a recent spike in staff positives. Quarantining makes staff coverage challenging.
- There are 579 inmates at Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Clarksburg and a little over 50 at Montgomery County Detention Center in Rockville.
- The Work Release Center remains closed. There had been talk of reopening in Spring, but this may be on hold due to the new virus strains.
- There are currently 12 inmates on MAT. Laura asked why the number is low. So far, the county is only doing continuations of MAT started prior to incarceration. Also, inmates need to commit to extensive

screening etc. and often do not want the “hassle”. Suzy said the majority of inmates have current or past substance use so there may be many participants once initiations start.

- Hardy mentioned that the newly-oriented nurse practitioner for the MAT program is being redeployed, which is another staffing barrier to beginning MAT initiations. Laura mentioned the University of Maryland’s reduced tuition pilot program if students agree to serve rural communities. She wondered if there may be opportunity to expand that to include filling MAT/corrections vacancies. **Hardy will follow up with Laura about this idea after this meeting.**

### **Man Cho, Board of License Commissioners**

- See his full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 13)
- There is a new commissioner, Michelle Graham, so the committee is now full with 5 members. They continue to have busy full-day hearings twice per month. To date, the board has issued 30 licenses this fiscal year.
- Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS) continues to log violations. There have been 93 violations, and this does not include compliance check violations. Compliance checks will resume soon, when police and ABS inspectors bring minors to facility to order alcohol. If there is a violation, the first offense is a \$1,000 fine for the facility and a criminal citation for the server. **Volunteers ages 18-20 are requested: contact Ron Price, Chief at ABS, to volunteer: [Ronald.Price@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov](mailto:Ronald.Price@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov)**

### **Celia Serkin, Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)**

- See her full report at the end of this minutes document (Page 14)
- MHAC does not meet in December. At MHAC’s January meeting they will have Dan Martin, Senior Director of Policy for the Mental Health Association of Maryland. He will talk about the legislative session, which is valuable information for AODAAC members too. **Celia invites everyone to attend on Thursday January 6 at 7pm.**
- Celia mentioned that Laura and the MHAC Chair Helga are working together on a young adult partnership. There is crossover between MHAC and AODAAC around this topic, so structuring a formal collaborative group on youth and young adults would be beneficial.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Legislative**

- Margaret, Elyse, Kyle, and Laura attended today. They began planning for the annual Legislative Retreat ahead of the legislative session, which begins January 12. The retreat will be instead of a January AODAAC general meeting, on **Sunday January 9 either 9-12pm or 12-3pm**. 1/13 is the backup date.
- AODAAC members are needed to **volunteer to read through pending bills and write summaries** of any that are relevant to AODAAC’s mission. Volunteers are also needed following the retreat, to write 1-page testimony on behalf of AODAAC in favor of or against the bills based on the arguments made by the group at the retreat.

#### **Treatment and Recovery**

- The group did more event planning. They will be holding a 3-part series on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The group is finalizing speakers and assigning tasks. They are also drafting a flyer to be approved. The first event will be on 2/18. Speakers are set up for the first two dates, but the subcommittee needs AODAAC member and ex-officio volunteers to sit on the Q&A panel during the third event. The third event will also include a resource fair. **Evelyn will send Corey an e-mail to pass along to all of AODAAC to collect names of volunteers so she can proceed with making the flyer.**

### **Prevention**

- The subcommittee is focusing on 3 priorities. One is incorporating NIDA Words Matter language into the County Code. **The letter is drafted and the next step is to send it to Corey and Laura for review.**
- The second priority is provider education. They were made aware of an existing series of trainings and lectures by Ben Stevenson II that were planned pre-pandemic, focused on narcotics and pain care for youth. Cristina met with Ben on 11/22 and they expanded the target audience to include pharmacists, too. The training series will be March through May of 2022 and will include elements of opioid dependency screening. Cristina will reach out to the UMD School of Pharmacy to partner, as the school is active in opioid prevention. They will meet next on 12/13 to further develop the syllabus, identify speakers, and develop a strategy for outreach such as by identifying professional societies in Montgomery County and Maryland at large that can assist with outreach.
- The third priority is focused on partnerships with MCPS. Ben Stevenson II and Dr. Kyle Potter helped to give a list of programs offered in MCPS that address substance use disorder. Prevention is looking through the links for each program and the group sees fragmentation—not all high schools receive the same programs except for the health education curriculum. The group accessed a small synopsis of what health education classes are offering. As a follow-up, **the group would like help from Dr. Potter to know not just the curriculum but also what resources health teachers are given when they teach the modules and how AODAAC may be able to help provide strong resources.**

### **New Business**

- The group conducted a poll to gauge interest in site visits. Of the 3 options, there was equal interest in visiting Newport Academy youth treatment facility in Rockville and Avery Road Treatment Center in Rockville (8 people for each). There was least interest in visiting Brooke's House in Hagerstown (3 votes).

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.**

**Ex-Officio Member Name: Dr. Rolando Santiago, Chief, BHCS-DHHS**

**Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):**

The mission of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services (BHCS) is to promote the behavioral health and wellbeing of Montgomery County residents. BHCS works to promote mental wellness, prevent substance abuse and suicide , and to ensure access to a comprehensive treatment and recovery system of effective services and support for children, youth and families, adults, and seniors in crisis or with behavioral health needs. BHCS is committed to ensuring culturally and linguistically competent care and the use of evidence-based or best practices along a continuum of care. BHCS works with the State’s Behavioral Health Administration, DHHS services areas, County agencies, and the community to provide strength-based and integrated services to persons in need.

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**Actions/updates since last report:**

1. Athena Morrow, long-time senior manager of Behavioral Health Forensic Services, retired. For the last three decades, Ms. Morrow was instrumental in building the various programs with populations who are incarcerated or are at risk of incarceration including Mental Health Court, Jail Assisted Services (JAS), and Clinical Assessment and Transition Services (CATS). A search for her replacement has begun.
2. Three Crisis Now implementation workgroups that include Integrated Call Center Workgroup, Crisis Outreach Workgroup, and Stabilization Center Workgroup met in the last two weeks. These workgroups consist of representatives of key organizational partners who meet every six weeks to provide guidance and advise in the implementation of the three key components of the Crisis Now model which intends to build a robust behavioral health crisis response to residents in crisis.
3. Leaders from DHHS, the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), and the Montgomery County Government (MCG) met with representatives of the Silver Spring Justice Coalition (SSJC) on December 6<sup>th</sup> to address inquiries about changes taking place in MCPD and DHHS that are geared toward building a behavioral health response to people in crisis, as an alternative to law enforcement involvement in these crises.

***Relevant data (i.e. overdose statistics/trends, substance use incidents in schools, etc.):***

Drug Overdose Deaths in the U.S. Top 100,000 Annually

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Provisional data from CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics indicate that there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 12-month period ending in April 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before.

The new data documents that estimated overdose deaths from opioids increased to 75,673 in the 12-month period ending in April 2021, up from 56,064 the year before. Overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) and psychostimulants such as methamphetamine also increased in the 12-month period ending in April 2021. Cocaine deaths also increased, as did deaths from natural and semi-synthetic opioids (such as prescription pain medication).

The provisional data presented in this visualization include: the reported and predicted (estimated) provisional counts of deaths due to drug overdose occurring nationally and in each jurisdiction; a U.S. map of the percentage changes in provisional drug overdose deaths for the current 12-month ending period compared with the 12-month period ending in the same month of the previous year, by jurisdiction; and the reported and predicted provisional counts of drug overdose deaths involving specific drugs or drug classes occurring nationally and in selected jurisdictions.

The reported and predicted provisional counts represent the numbers of deaths due to drug overdose occurring in the 12-month periods ending in the month indicated. These counts include all seasons of the year and are insensitive to variations by seasonality. Deaths are reported by the jurisdiction in which the death occurred.

The interactive web dashboard is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>.

***Current or potential collaborations with AODAAC:***

*BHCS staff look forward in the near future to receive feedback from AODAA members on the FY22 BHCS Strategic Plan, especially those elements of the plan that relate to substance use. This exercise would be useful to BHCS as it prepares for the FY23 Strategic Plan.*

## **Ex-Officio Member: Gabriela Monzon-Reynolds, Alcohol Beverage Services**

### **Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):**

As a control jurisdiction, ABS facilitates the alcohol wholesale distribution to over 1000 licensed establishments in the county. Along with the sale and distribution of a controlled substance comes a responsibility to educate and support the establishments served.

The Community Outreach Office works with license holders to ensure compliance. Helping communities flourish through the promotion of alcohol laws, public awareness and responsible hospitality practices are priorities.

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### **Actions/updates since last report:**

All local alcohol bills are being supported by the County Executive and the County Council. There is a Montgomery County State Delegation Hearing on the local bills on 12/15.

The ABS-LRE First Year Intervention (FYI) program visited 63 new license holders in 2021. The program helps new license holders and their staff understand their roles and responsibilities and prepares them for future compliance inspections.

ABS-LRE continues to work with license holders who have been approved for the Off-Premises Permission to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink. As of December 8, LRE had approved 157 license holders to use the permission. A compliance specialist has visited almost 90% of these businesses to provide resource materials and educate them on the permission's requirements.

Finally, the Keeping it Safe Coalition for Under 21 Alcohol Use Prevention, will be launching its annual video contest next week. The contest is open to middle school and high school students from both public and private schools in Montgomery County. The contest encourages student groups to submit a 30-second public service message on the dangers of under 21 alcohol consumption. Entries are due on March 11, 2022.

**Ex-Officio Member Name:** Kyle Potter, Montgomery County Public Schools

**Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):** Student and Family Support and Engagement: Provide the services and programs needed to promote positive school cultures and advance the academic, physical, social, and psychological well-being of every student.

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**Actions/updates since last report:**

Mental Health Awareness Week was a success. The online resources have been viewed by over 14,000 individuals. Live events were well attended as well.

SUPRE continues to receive referrals. I was not able to get information on whether they have a current cohort

Increase in serious incidents related to violence, threats, etc. Ongoing collaboration with individual schools, Central Office personnel (restorative justice (RJ), psychological services, counseling).

Clusters are coordinating with outside resources (JSSA, DHHS)

***Relevant data (i.e. overdose statistics/trends, substance use incidents in schools, etc.):***

Many incident reports related to marijuana use specifically – students smelling of smoke, etc., and after self-searches, finding paraphernalia and marijuana on their person

***Current or potential collaborations with AODAAC:***

Improvements in health curriculum related to substance use

Improvements in community partnerships - referrals

## Ex-Officio Member Name: Lt. Brent Kearney, Montgomery County Police Department

### Overdose Updates & Notes

#### Year-To-Date:

Overdoses YTD	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	YTD Percent Change 2019-2020	YTD Percent Change 2020-2021
Fatal	63	85	104	35%	22%
Non-Fatal	118	163	224	38%	37%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>32%</b>

- 2021 YTD fatal overdoses include suspected incidents with toxicology reports pending

#### Year-End:

Overdoses Year-End	2018	2019	2020	Annual Percent Change 2018-2019	Annual Percent Change 2019-2020
Fatal	46	65	90	41%	38%
Non-Fatal	131	125	171	-5%	37%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>37%</b>

#### Current Trends in Montgomery County:

- Non-Fatal overdoses are up 37% YTD
- Fatal overdoses are up approx. 22% YTD (slight increase since last meeting- was at 19%)
- 2021 Fatal Overdose Toxicology Reports show:
  - 95% include fentanyl or a fentanyl-related compound
- We continue to have pressed fentanyl related overdoses (counterfeit pills that contained fentanyl or fentanyl-related compounds).
- Nationwide Note: Drug traffickers continue to combine fentanyl or fentanyl-related compounds with other drugs to increase their potency and profit. Many unsuspecting drug users who are abusing cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, or other synthetic drugs have overdosed and died within days, hours, or minutes, of each other following the introduction into a community of fentanyl or heroin laced with fentanyl.

**Ex-Officio Member Name:** Suzy Malagari, Montgomery County Dept. of Corrections

**Actions/updates since last report:**

- **Inmate vaccination rate remains at approx. 50%--weekly clinics continue**
- **Number of inmate positives remains 0, however there has been a spike in staff positive numbers**
- **Count is 579 at MCCF, and 53 at MCDC**
- **PRRS remains closed**
- **12 inmates are currently participating in the MAT program**

**Ex-Officio Member Name:** Man Cho, Board of License Commissioners

**Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):**

Authority: The Board of License Commissioners is charged with regulating the sale and distribution of alcohol in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and has full power and authority to adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board deems necessary to enable it to effectively discharge the duties imposed upon it by the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

Mission as it relates to AODAAC: To work with the AODAAC to educate and ensure the safe handling, sale and distribution of alcohol to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

**Actions/updates since last report:**

The Board of License Commissioners held mostly full day hearings on November 18 and December 2. More recently, the Board has experienced an uptick on license applications with fuller dockets for the last several hearings. The Board expects this trend to continue with new businesses starting to open up given current stabilization of COVID-19. The Board welcomed a new Commissioner, Michelle Graham. The Board is now complete with five Commissioners.

***Relevant data (i.e. overdose statistics/trends, substance use incidents in schools, etc.):***

In FY22 to date, the ABS has logged 93 violations by license holders. Compare this to 62 violations total for FY21. This includes mainly records, display of license, and related violations. Routine inspections continue, with zero compliance check inspections. The ABS plans to continue compliance check inspections in the near future and is now recruiting new UVs. UV are recruited minors who participate in the County's compliance check program by entering an establishment and presenting a real vertical (underage) ID. The ABS now has five inspectors on duty and is on track to meet its mandate for annual inspections counts (approximately 4000/year). The Board has issued 30 licenses this FY to date, compared with 78 new licenses issued in FY21.

***Current or potential collaborations with AODAAC:***

The Board welcomes collaboration with AODAAC on education campaigns for the safe handling, sale and service of alcohol to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public at large.

**Ex-Officio Member Name:** Celia Serkin, Mental Health Advisory Committee**Agency Mission (particularly as it relates to AODAAC):**

The Montgomery County Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC), mandated by the State of Maryland, is committed to evaluate and monitor the development of mental health services and to work collaboratively with our community partners to monitor, advise, and advocate for a comprehensive mental health system of care for all persons in Montgomery County.

**Actions/updates since last report:**

The Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) does not meet in December.

**Relevant data (i.e., overdose statistics/trends, substance use incidents in schools, etc.):****Current or potential collaborations with AODAAC:**

MHAC and AODAAC could work together on addressing the needs of children, youth, and young adults with behavioral health challenges and those of their families and collaborate on legislative advocacy efforts.