



# Montgomery County Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction Advisory Council (AODAAC)

March 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Online, Via Teams

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Committees meet 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. via the meeting link above.

## Agenda

1. Call to Order and Teams Protocols
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
4. Speaker: Jennifer Mathis, Deputy Director of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
5. Speaker (Invited): Jake Day, MD Secretary of Housing & Community Development
6. Committee reports
7. Ex Officio reports
8. Public comments
9. Other business
10. Adjournment and next meeting update

## Timed Agenda (all times are approximate)

Time	Item	Speaker
7:00 p.m.	Call to order Welcome and Introductions	Laura Mitchell, Chair
7:05 p.m.	<b>Jennifer Mathis</b> is Deputy Director of the Bazelon Center. She has worked at the Center since 1999 except for two periods of service in the federal government. Between December 2021 and January 2025, Jennifer served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, reviewing the work of the Disability Rights Section, the Special Litigation Section's disability work, and the work of the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section and the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section. Prior to arriving at DOJ, Jennifer served as Director of Policy and Legal Advocacy at the Bazelon Center, using litigation as well as legislative and administrative policy advocacy to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities in all	Jennifer Mathis, Deputy Director of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

	<p>areas of life, including community living, health care, housing, employment, education, parental and family rights, voting, and other areas. Jennifer played a key role in coordinating strategy and briefing when the <i>Olmstead</i> case was heard by the Supreme Court and has litigated numerous community integration cases before and after. She also served on the disability community negotiating team that worked with representatives of the business community to craft language that became the ADA Amendments Act and played a lead role in securing passage of the ADAAA. Between 2010 and 2011, Jennifer served as a Special Assistant to Commissioner Chai Feldblum at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, helping to draft regulations implementing the ADA Amendments Act and the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.</p>	
7:25 p.m.	Questions & Answers with Deputy Director, Jennifer Mathis	All
7:45 p.m.	Committee Reports	Laura Mitchell
8:00 p.m.	<p><b>Jake Day</b> is the Secretary of Housing &amp; Community Development for the State of Maryland. He served as Mayor of Salisbury, Maryland for two terms and was first elected City Council President in 2013. Under Jake’s leadership, Salisbury established a first-of-its-kind Housing First program to reduce chronic homelessness, opened its first youth community centers and recreation programs, bore witness to the fastest dropping crime rate of any US city from 2006-2016. The renaissance of Downtown Salisbury along with the selection of Salisbury as 2018-2022 host city of America’s oldest and largest traditional music and arts festival – the National Folk Festival, helped Salisbury to become Maryland’s fastest growing city and America’s 7th fastest growing job market. As Mayor, Jake completely reorganized Salisbury government, restoring employee morale, customer service, efficiency and transparency.</p> <p>Jake is a Just City Mayoral Fellow, member of the Next American Vanguard, Leadership Maryland, the Mayor's Institute on City Design, and Smart Growth America Local Leaders Council. Jake has been honored with the Partners for Livable Communities’ 2018 Entrepreneurial American Leader Award, 2 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards for Leadership, and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters’ President Theodore Roosevelt Award.</p> <p>Jake earned a Bachelor’s degree in Architecture from the University of Maryland, a Master’s degree in Urban Design from Carnegie Mellon University and a Master’s degree in Environmental Policy from Oxford University. Jake is a Veteran of the Global War on Terrorism. He completed a combat deployment to Somalia, Kenya and Djibouti as the Special Technical</p>	Jake Day, MD Secretary of Housing & Community Development

	Operations Chief for Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. A Cavalry, Information Operations and Special Technical Operations Officer, he is currently assigned to Special Operations Detachment - NATO. Jake is the proud Daddy of Lilly and Olivia.	
8:20 p.m.	Questions & Answers with Secretary, Jake Day	
8:35 p.m.	Ex Officio Reports	Pam Abramson
8:50 p.m.	Public comments	Members of the public
9:00 p.m.	Adjournment	

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