

Mental Health Advisory Committee
Meeting is held virtually thru the Teams platform.
November 4, 2025, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Montgomery County Mental Health Advisory Committee, 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.

	Time	Topic	Lead / Speaker
1	7:00 - 7:10	Welcome Introduction of the BCC forum Introduction of Council President Kate Stewart	Libby
2	7:10 - 7:20	Council President Kate Stewart – Discussion on mental health initiative	Council President Kate Stewart
3	7:20 - 7:40	Alignment across BCC priorities - Ask to put in chat or email BCC's priorities - MHAC will compile BCCs priorities and send to County Council and County Executive's Office	Libby
4	7:40 - 8:00	Breakout room discussions (10 minutes) - Will be divided into 3 groups - Keeping in mind non-stigmatizing and affirming language, culturally responsive and trauma-informed best practices - Thinking through an intersectional lens and cross pollination approach, discuss the scenarios from the perspective of your BCC and priorities - Choose 1-2 pre-written scenario(s): <i>A young person (18 years old) who is experiencing homelessness and has interacted with the criminal justice system</i> <i>An aging adult (65 years old) who lives independently and whose first language is not English</i> <i>A youth (under 18 years old) is experiencing a mental health crisis, is interested in obtaining services, and may need an evaluation</i> Suggested discussion questions: (10 minutes) - Thinking through the overlapping behavioral needs, how can your BCC help raise awareness of the services available?	Stewart staff

		○ What are the most common overlapping behavioral health challenges you see in your community? ○ How can your BCC leverage and promote cross-sector collaboration? ○ What strategies can be used to reduce stigma and increase community understanding of behavioral health challenges?	
5	8:00-8:20	Sharing out How can you use these approaches with your respective BCCs?	Stewart staff
6	8:20 - 8:40	Resources	Sara Rose
7	8:40 - 9:00	Final thoughts and plans: MHAC will be collecting all of the priorities from each BCC and will submit a report to county council and county executive. Next steps: MHAC will contact all those interested in continuing this conversation for a follow-up meeting. Put names and emails in the chat.	Libby
8	9:00	Adjournment	

Please contact Diane Lininger, LCSW-C, Program Manager for The Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice, and the Mental Health Advisory Committee, at Diane.lininger@montgomerycountymd.gov if you have any questions and/or are unable to attend the meeting.

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