

Mental Health Advisory Committee
Meeting is held virtually thru the Teams platform.
September 2, 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	▶ Welcome MHAC Commissioners and Guests ▶ AODAAC members have been invited to attend this meeting to align priorities with MHAC for the Health and Human services committee of the County Council meeting in October. (we do not have the date yet.)	Libby
2	7: 10	▶ Discussion on Priorities for FY-27- picking top three priorities. Below are priorities that were discussed at the informal August meeting with MHAC members. A. Medicaid – budget cuts and how they are affecting populations mental health 1. Targeting immigrants and removing them from the country is making our clients scared to obtain services as they fear that they will be deported once they ask. 2. Addressing the sickest of the sick. B. Homelessness C. Mental Health work force – specifically peer services 1. Non-profits – concerns that the budget cuts will affect non-profits and peer services that are used routinely by immigrant population 2. Lack of Mental health work force D. Diane working on setting up possible meeting with Council president Kate Stewarts office to discuss MHAC and other BCC's concerns regarding mental health.	Libby
3	8:10	▶ Old Business - Minutes from July 2025	Libby
4	8:11	▶ New Business A. BHCS/DHHS - Monica Martin, Chief of BHCS B. LBHA update – Sara Rose, Director of Montgomery County LBHA C. Legislative committee update – Libby/Celia D. CAYAS committee update – Michelle or Celia Next meeting is on Tuesday, September 16th at 3pm-4pm. Speaker will be Allen Tien, MD, MHS President and Chief Science Officer	Libby

		Measurement-based Prevention, Early Intervention, Treatment – to speak on School attendance program E. AODAAC – Laura Mitchell or Celia Serkin F. Commission on Health – Donna or Venchelles G. Nomination for executive committee - Diane	
5	8:50	► Upcoming meetings A. October – this meeting will be held with AODAAC. Diane will be out on extended leave. The meeting will be on October 9th at 7pm. Pam Abramson will be emailing everyone with the information B. November – We will be electing new executive committee. Please think about whom you would like to nominate and if you would like to nominate yourself please do so. Diane will send out a letter with descriptions of the positions and who can run.	Libby
6	8:55	► Announcements from Commissioners and Members of the Public	
7	9:00	A. 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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