

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Advisory Committee</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes – April 2, 2024</p>
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Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Bill Ellis	Jennifer Grinnell	Meredith Peace	Michael Mayer	Viviana Azar
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Stephanie Joseph	Rolando Santiago		Stephanie Kelly
Kelly Gruitt	Marissa Leslie	Jordan Satinsky		Samar Khleif
Susan Kerin				Oscar Morgan
Libby Nealis	Garrett Mannchen			Beth Tabachnick
Alan Orenstein	Tami Mark			Joe Wilson
Celia Serkin				

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Michelle Grisby-Hackett chaired the virtual meeting.
- II. **JSSA** – Joe Wilson shared details regarding JSSA's \$2.5 million grant to expand the Mindcraft program which is a school-based community mental health program. This covers three tiers of services. JSSA also plans to develop a mobile unit that can travel to different school locations.
- III. **SAMHSA's Technical Assistance Centers** – Oscar Morgan with the Danya Institute provided an overview of the technical assistance offered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, including the [Central East Mental Health Technology Transfer Center](#).
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **March Minutes** – The March minutes were unanimously approved with no edits.
- VI. **New Business.**
 - A. **BHCS update** – Ronaldo Santiago reported that the county is in the middle of their budget season and BHCS has asked to expand their mobile crisis response services. BHCS is also exploring how to integrate their county 988 services with the region. Dr. Santiago also shared that he will be retiring as of June 30th.
 - B. **AODAAC/Going Purple Update** – Celia Serkin shared that AODAAC had a presentation about the County's new DUI court.
 - C. **Suicide Prevention Coalition** – Celia shared that Sean Campo with Johns Hopkins University gave a presentation on the film *13 Reasons Why* which researchers indicated may have inadvertently caused a suicide contagion effect. They also had a presentation from JSSA about services and Yang Yu with the county shared information on suicide statistics. Suicide rates are increasing and are driven by Caucasian and African American male subpopulations.
 - D. **CAYAS Subcommittee Update** – Michelle and Celia shared that the subcommittee had a presentation by Steven Neff with MCPS regarding student attendance and student refusal concerns.
 - E. **Spring Forum Committee** – Diana noted that the Spring Forum is scheduled for May 9th and the focus is on pathways for recovery for mental health and SUD. The flyer will be released this week and she encouraged MHAC members to sign up to attend as well as promote the flyer across their networks.
 - F. **Legislative Committee** – Another legislative letter (related to the Social Worker Compact bill) was submitted for review. However, it was denied by the County.
- VII. **Announcements**
 - A. Celia will report back to us at the June meeting on the County executive Budget hearing.
 - B. Susan asked to have an offline discussion related to the County budget priorities, specifically that MHACs priority on peers wasn't adopted and there weren't any discussions prior to the budget regarding that decision.
- VIII. **Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting ended at **9:01** p.m.