

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Advisory Committee</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Minutes – March 5, 2024</h2>
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Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Bill Ellis	Kelly Gruitt	Meredith Peace	Michael Mayer	Katie
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Garrett Mannchen	Rolando Santiago	Jordan Satinsky	Natasha Graham
Jennifer Grinnell	Tami Mark			Sara Rose
Stephanie Joseph				
Susan Kerin				
Marissa Leslie				
Libby Nealis				
Alan Orenstein				
Celia Serkin				

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Libby Nealis chaired the meeting which was held at Compass Health Center. It was a hybrid meeting which also allowed members to attend virtually.
- II. **Compass Health Center** – In-person members were able to tour Compass Health Center which provides health care through partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs. Dr. Marissa Leslie gave the tour.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **February Minutes** – The February minutes were unanimously approved with no edits.
- VI. **New Business.**
 - A. **BHCS update** – Rolando Santiago reported that the Governor and his cabinet will be coming to visit the crisis center. They will also tour MoCo sites related to transportation and climate change work. Dr. Santiago and Sara Rose then shared a new proposal for MHAC providing advice to the Maryland General Assembly. Dr. Santiago noted that the new process would be more collaborative with Behavioral Health and Crisis Services and the Local Behavioral Health Authority more engaged. They will also provide more resources to help write the testimonies.
 - B. **AODAAC/Going Purple Update** – Celia Serkin shared that Eric Weintraub at University of Maryland spoke about mobile units. He is a strong supporter for medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder (MOUD).
 - C. **Suicide Prevention Coalition** – Celia and Diane Lininger shared that a representative from the American Psychiatric Association spoke as well as Ryan Burton from Sheppard Pratt. The focus was on rapid assessment services and addressing patients who get stuck waiting in ERs and hospitals. Hope McGuire also spoke about MCPS' new relationship with the JED foundation for addressing suicide.
 - D. **CAYAS Subcommittee Update** – The subcommittee focused on school refusal issues. Presenters included Shawn Lattanzio and Larry Epps (Sheppard Pratt).
 - 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.
 - F. **Schools** —Sara shared that Montgomery is a designated school jurisdiction given funding for a hub and spoke model for behavioral health services.
- VII. **Announcements** – Libby asked MHAC members to share any speaker recommendations for our April meeting.
- VIII. **Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting ended at **9:01** p.m.