

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Advisory Committee</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes – April 7, 2022</p>
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Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Michael Chindbloom	Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Regina Morales		Ziva Azhdam
Susan Kerin	Jennifer Grinnell	Rolando Santiago		Hardy Bennett
Garrett Mannchen	Jamie Gu	Michael Maher (Diane Krueger-Soles)		Laura Mitchell
Stephanie Joseph	Helga Luest	Meredith Peace		Alan Orenstein
Libby Nealis	Tami Mark			Stephanie Rosen
Kyle Potter	Saher Rizvi			Samikshya Sapkota
Celia Serkin				Shelley Stokes
Susan Smith				Robin Yasinow

- I. **Welcome** - The meeting came to order at 7:06 p.m. Susan Kerin chaired the meeting. There was a quorum of committee members.

- II. Strategic Plan for Behavioral Health and Crisis Services** – Hardy Bennett walked MHAC members through the five goals of the FY23 Strategic Plan. Comments from MHAC and guests were documented.
- III. Minutes** – Minutes from March were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. New Business**
- a. Spring Forum – Diane Lininger reported that she hoped to have a flyer to promote the event very soon. The Spring Forum is on May 19th and the theme is “Break the Taboo.” There will not be an MHAC Meeting in April as members are encouraged to attend the Forum.
 - b. AODAAC – Laura Mitchell reported that AODAAC has been following up on Shatterproof, an initiative to assess and address stigma. She also shared that BMX Athlete/Coach Tony Hoffman has been giving presentations to students in the county about his behavioral health issues and recovery.
 - c. SROs/School Psychologists – Libby Nealis expressed concern that with the reinstatement of SROs, there is less push to hire school psychologists. Kyle Potter noted that the pay scale is also a deterrent in the hiring process. MHAC approved by unanimous consent to develop a letter to the Montgomery County Public Schools asking to prioritize the hiring of school psychologists.
 - d. Medicaid Funding for School-Based Services – Libby, Laura and Celia Serkin noted that school-based behavioral health services could be reimbursed through Medicaid. This is a state-based issue. It was agreed that a subgroup (Libby, Kyle, Susan, Laura and Celia) will gather more information on the issue and report back in June regarding potential follow up that MHAC might take on this concern.
- V. Springfield Hospital Report** – Diane Krueger-Soles noted that Springbrook opened their **ALP unit** in February. They have already filled 10 out of the 14 available beds.
- VI. Subcommittee Reports** – There were no reports from the three subcommittees (Mobile Crisis, Environmental Impacts on Mental Health; and Legislation) this month
- VII. Comments or questions from the Public or Commissioners**
- a. Susan Smith noted that her office received funding to support individuals with a hoarding disorder. Regina Morales was interested in learning more about the grant.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned – The meeting ended at 9 pm.