



**Howard County Health Department Bureau of Behavioral Health
Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
Behavioral Health Provider Call #6**

Howard County COVID-19 and Vulnerable Population: Homeless Populations & Detention

04/29/2020 – 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

Minutes

Members Present:

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| Candace Ball, Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services | Kaymisha Knights, Howard County Health Department |
| Miriam Bennett, Howard County Health Department | Genevieve LaPorte, Howard County Police Department |
| Magali Brewer, MPB Group Inc. | Sonya Lloyd, Howard County Health Department |
| Chandra Chester, Families First Counseling and Psychiatry | Colleen Nester, Howard County Health Department |
| Latrice Clark, Howard County Health Department | Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Howard County Health Department |
| Trish Dunn, Gladstone Psychiatry and Wellness | Cheryl Rowe, Howard County Department of Corrections |
| Tina Field, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center | Claudia Salomon, Howard County Health Department |
| Denise Giuliano, NAMI Howard County | Joan Webb-Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree |
| Armah Gray, MBK Laboratory | Martin Slutsky, MSA The Child & Adolescent Center |
| Karen Hull, Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services | Lauren Soummers, Howard County Health Department |
| Amy Kelly, Howard County Public School System | Naeemah Staggs, Community Member |
| Cynthia Kirk, Maryland Coalition of Families | Tasha Walls, Center For Children |
| | Heidi Weiss-Beedie, Howard County Health Department |

Guests Present:

- Jack Kavanagh, Director of Howard County Detention Center, Howard County Department of Corrections
- Andrea King-Wessels, Deputy Director of Howard County Department of Corrections
- Sara Smoley, Director of Clinical and Crisis Services, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

Staff Present:

- Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Director, HCHD
- Seojin Kim, HCLHIC Program Coordinator, HCHD
- Rodney Oldham, HCLHIC Program Coordinator, HCHD

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Opening Remarks	<p>Kelly Kesler, Director of the Howard County LHIC, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Director of the Howard County Health Department’s Bureau of Behavioral Health offered key information and resources related to behavioral health & the COVID-19 and reviewed the goals and agenda for the meeting.</p>	<p>Coalition members are expected to obtain all the meeting materials including PPT, recording and additional resources visits LHIC website :</p> <p>http://www.hclhic.org/news-events/lhic-and-partner-events/seminars-and-educational-events</p> <p>Coalition members are asked to share:</p>

	<p>Ms. Nester, Supervisor of Youth and Family Support Services Unit in the Howard County Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health as well as the LHIC Behavioral Health work group delegate, welcomed the coalition members and kicked off the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral Health FAQ's • Behavioral Health Provider FAQ's <p>LHIC members are encouraged to visit the following websites to learn more about the COVID-19 updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCHD Bureau of Behavioral Health During COVID-19 • LHIC COVID-19 Update • BHA Latest Information <p>Coalition members may contact Maryland Behavioral Health Administration with more questions related to the COVID-19 at bhainquiries@maryland.gov</p>
<p>Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center During COVID-19</p>	<p>Sara Smoley, Director of Clinical and Crisis Services of Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, began her presentation, citing a brief overview of the Grassroots Behavior Health Crisis Services.</p> <p>Ms. Smoley stated, since the COVID-19 outbreak, Grassroots has been encouraging their staff, clients, and all residents in shelter to use a weighted screening tool to regularly check the likelihood of the COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>Ms. Smoley shared additional key modifications that have been made in order to continue the aforementioned services in response to the coronavirus outbreak. For example, most of the programs were offered in-person, if needed, after an initial assessment by phone. Also, Ms. Smoley stated that Grassroots has been working closely with Humanim and Howard County Dept. of Corrections to ensure that residents in shelter are getting their needs met during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Coalition members discussed a couple of issues including a potential insurance requirement or fee associated with the crisis evaluation and how people without a phone can access the food pantry.</p>	<p>Coalition members who are more interested in Grassroots' COVID-19 response and resources for vulnerable populations are encouraged to visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center • Grassroots Implements COVID-19 Plan <p>Or contact Sara Smoley at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ssmoley@grassrootscrisis.org
<p>Howard County Department of Corrections During COVID-19</p>	<p>Jack Kavanagh, Director of Howard County Detention Center, delivered his presentation about the COVID-19 response from the Howard County Department of Corrections (DOC).</p>	<p>LHIC coalition members may contact Jack Kavanagh with more questions about his presentation at jkavanagh@howardcountymd.gov</p>



	<p>Mr. Kavanagh stated that all programs at the detention center such as anger management and re-entry classes have been suspended due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>Mr. Kavanagh and Ms. King-Wessels, a deputy director of the Howard County DOC, offered the coalition members an overview on chronological efforts that the Howard County DOC has conducted in response to the COVID-19 since March 1st, 2020.</p> <p>Several current challenges that the Howard County DOC has faced by the COVID-19 outbreak were also discussed by Cheryl Rowe, a re-entry case manager of the Howard County DOC.</p> <p>Coalition members and Mr. Kavanagh discussed the Howard County DOC's discharge planning for inmates with mental health or substance abuse concerns and the current issues of the ice detention center in Howard County.</p>	<p>Or contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea King-Wessels akingwessels@howardcountymd.gov • Cheryl Rowe crowe@howardcountymd.gov
<p>Q&A and Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Ms. Nester adjourned the work group meeting at 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Members who have questions for COVID-19 related supplies are encouraged to email at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7MPTHNM</p> <p>Coalition members who are interested in COVID-19 medical assistance are encouraged to contact HCHD COVID-19 Hotline at 410-313-6284 or email at askhealth@howardcountymd.gov</p> <p>For more information about the Howard County LHIC contact Kelly Kesler at kkesler@howardcountymd.gov</p>

Future Meeting Dates:

Howard County COVID-19 and The Stages of Trauma and Recovery (STAR)- hosted by the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition and Howard County Health Department Bureau of Behavioral Health - **Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.** Register at <http://bit.ly/3bgEQas>

Howard County COVID-19 and Cultural Competency: Managing Implicit Bias within the Therapeutic Process- hosted by the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition and Howard County Health Department Bureau of Behavioral Health - **Friday, May 15, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Register at <https://bit.ly/3byJINJ>

Respectfully submitted by
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