

**Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC)**

Hybrid Healthy Minds & Suicide Prevention Coalition (HMSPC) Workgroup Meeting

Howard County Health Department (HCHD)

8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

& Virtual via Zoom

September 8, 2025

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Goal: To foster collaboration among members of the Healthy Minds and Suicide Prevention Coalition by sharing updates, engaging in team building, and exchanging critical information on suicide prevention initiatives and related public health efforts. This meeting will provide participants with key program updates, an educational presentation on cannabis safety, and an opportunity to coordinate community engagement strategies for the upcoming *Out of Darkness Walk with Us* event.

Meeting Agenda

*Meeting will start promptly at 11 am*

11:00 – 11:05 am **Welcome**

**Previous Meeting Re-Cap**

**Announcements**

*Jessica Fisher, Co-Chair*

*Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Bureau of Behavioral Health,*

*Howard County Health Department*

11:05 – 11:15 am **Ice Breaker**

*Barbara Allen, Co-chair*

*Executive Director, James' Place Inc.*

*Howard County Opioid Restitution Fund Commission*

11:15 – 11:35 am **Cannabis Grant Presentation**

*Natalie Hall,*

*Community Health and Social Impact Manager,*

*Bureau of Assessment, Planning, and Community Engagement*

*Howard County Health Department*

11:35 – 11:55 am **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Out of the Darkness  
Howard County Walk Discussion**

*Jessica Fisher, Co-Chair*

*Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Bureau of Behavioral Health,*

*Howard County Health Department*

11:55 – 12:00 pm **Next Steps & Wrap-up**

*Jessica Fisher, Co-Chair*

*Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Bureau of Behavioral Health,  
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