



## Deputy Secretary Behavioral Health Monthly Updates May 2022

- **Bed Registry Update**

- The next HB 1121 Bed Registry and Referral System meeting will be held on May 20th, from 10:00 - 12:00. Please email [bha.inquiries@maryland.gov](mailto:bha.inquiries@maryland.gov) if you would like to participate in this meeting as a member of the general public.

- **BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve**

- May 12: Enhancing Self-Care With Ethical Boundaries and Relationships in Health Care. Vicki Enns, MMFT, RMFT. Moderator: TBD. [Register here.](#)
- May 26: Water the Roots: Strengthen Your Resilience. Catherine Gray, MSW, LCSW-C and Chalarra A. Sessoms, MSW, LCSW-C. Moderator: Ann Hoyt, MSW,

- **BHI Updates**

- April 29th the BHI Learning Collaborative was held, which focused on strategic planning for the locals. The local jurisdictions provided updates in the local plan review session on their activities planned for integration.

- **CAYAS Updates**

- The University of Maryland Institute for Innovation & Implementation is going to facilitate Maryland Crisis Assessment Tool (CAT) Training sessions on Tuesday May 3 & Wednesday May 4. Expected attendees at these trainings include Midshore, Harford & Calvert Counties.
- The next MRSS QIC meeting will take place on 5/23. Click on link to register: <https://umaryland.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkdeysrD4sHNPg0dVDCIm1Jf2LjKURJPpr>  
Password: MRSS
- CAYAS ACE Interface Master Presenters continue to facilitate workshops on ACEs. The most recent presentation occurred with Worcester County on Thursday, April 28. These trainings are designed to support widespread awareness, promote understanding & empower communities to improve health and well-being throughout society. If you are interested in scheduling a training for your agency, contact: D'Lisa Worthy ([dlisa.worthy1@maryland.gov](mailto:dlisa.worthy1@maryland.gov)) or Chalarra Sessoms ([chalarra.sessoms2@maryland.gov](mailto:chalarra.sessoms2@maryland.gov)).

- **COVID-19**

- **Updates with Public Health Webinar**

This webinar is the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The next one is on June 3. To be added to the calendar invite, please email [iva jean.smith@maryland.gov](mailto:iva jean.smith@maryland.gov) or [steven.whitefield@maryland.gov](mailto:steven.whitefield@maryland.gov).



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### ● Crisis System Developments

- BHA, in partnership with the Medicaid Administration, is writing COMAR regulations (10.63) for substance use residential crisis beds, mobile crisis team and walk-in/crisis stabilization centers.
- Working on the development of the crisis assessment tool (CAT). The tool is being modified for adults in crisis. Dr. John Lyons, creator of the CAT, is scheduled to present at the June 21, 2022, Maryland Crisis System Workgroup.
- Partnering with the University of Maryland Innovations Institute to complete an Environmental Landscape Analysis for the Adult Crisis System. A similar analysis has been completed for the children, adolescent, young adult system.
- Continuing to meet with stakeholders around the state to present the crisis system model and obtain feedback. Presentations have included: Montgomery County Coalition, and the Maryland Hospital Association.
- Continuing to work with MDH- Operations on Facilities Master Plan on the Regional Crisis Hub REOI; due to be released late May.

### ● Licensing

- Providers are strongly encouraged to submit applications at least 60 days prior to the expiration of their license. Applications that are submitted at least two weeks prior to expiration will have their licenses extended during the licensing process. Providers whose licenses are expired or are about to expire are reminded that new license applications should be submitted to [bha.licensing@maryland.gov](mailto:bha.licensing@maryland.gov) on a single pdf to ensure license continuity. New accreditation and a new agreement to cooperate with local jurisdictions is required as part of the licensing package.



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- **Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**
  - On April 25, 2022, BHA applied for \$1.2 million in federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to continue funding for outreach, screening and diagnostic services, housing assistance, referrals to job training and other supportive services, as well as SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless in Baltimore City and 22 jurisdictions.
  
- **Public Awareness Activities:**
  - Dangers of fentanyl campaign is airing on multiple platforms through mid to late May. Our dangers of fentanyl PSA has received an international award in the category of Public Service & Activism; <https://museaward.com/winner-info.php?id=222008>
  - The Good Samaritan Law campaign will follow immediately after the wrap up of the dangers of fentanyl campaign The Good Sam campaign will appear on multiple platforms, TV, OTT, streaming services, radio, and digital.