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- **Bed Registry Update**
  - We are continuing to build upon the success of the inpatient care coordination center pilot by enhancing data integration and further promoting awareness of the resource. Starting on 6/15/22, crisis bed capacity will be captured and tracked in the bed locator. A daily survey will be sent to crisis bed providers, similar to the current inpatient survey being sent to the acute care hospitals.
- **BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve**
  - June 9: **Managing Stress in Times of Change.**  
Cheryl Mirabella, MA, NHC.  
[Register here](#)
  - June 23: **When Self-Help Isn't Enough: Beating Internalized Stigma So You and Your Loved Ones Get the Help You Need.**  
Alex Chan, PhD. Moderator: TBD  
[Register her](#)
  - July 14: **Finding Structure in Chaos: Enhancing Well-Being and Operational Sustainment for Healthcare Workers in COVID-19 and Beyond.**  
Joshua C. Morganstein, MD. Moderator: TBD  
[Register here](#)
- **CAYAS Updates**
  - In the aftermath of several mass shootings CAYAS, in partnership w/MDH's Office of Communications, developed a [Mental Health and Crisis Resources for Coping with Violence](#) resource guide that provides tips and resources for those impacted by violence, including youth, parents/caregivers, teachers and behavioral health professionals.
  - CAYAS continues to collaborate with University of Maryland School of Social Work and The Institute for Innovation and Implementation (The Institute) to facilitate Maryland's Mobile Response & Stabilization Services Quality Improvement Collaborative (MRSS QIC) Meeting. Last MRSS QIC meeting was held on May 23, 2022. The next scheduled session will be held on July 27, 2022 from 10:30-12:30. For more information, please contact: Jen Lowther-JLOWTHER@ssw.umaryland.edu
  - In addition to MRSS QIC, CAYAS & The Institute will host a Maryland Crisis Assessment Tool (CAT) Stakeholder webinar on June 21, 2022. The intended audience of this meeting will be stakeholders in Maryland providing services across the lifespan. More detailed information will be shared once planning is finalized.
- **COVID-19**
  - [COVID-19 Therapeutics Weekly Update 5-27-2022](#)
  - **Updates with Public Health Webinar**



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

To join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89345114259>

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Webinar ID: 893 4511 4259. International #s available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89345114259>

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### ● Crisis System Developments

- **Regional Crisis Hubs:** MDH is asking any interested provider to answer our [Request for Expression of Interest for a Western Maryland Crisis Hub](#).  
["https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://emma.maryland.gov/page.aspx/en/bpm/process\\_manage\\_extranet/45785\\_!!ECp5tQ!i3wZedH04N31B2UEs3qu1qWM6h\\_e9wyTy7fwaoG1jEUUL9HdV8aDuznY9Mh9m4QR94PY3qfkccS5t0vPZBTaYvoy6dg\\$"](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://emma.maryland.gov/page.aspx/en/bpm/process_manage_extranet/45785_!!ECp5tQ!i3wZedH04N31B2UEs3qu1qWM6h_e9wyTy7fwaoG1jEUUL9HdV8aDuznY9Mh9m4QR94PY3qfkccS5t0vPZBTaYvoy6dg$)
  - Regional Crisis Hub will include a 24/7 walk-in/urgent care/72 hr. Stabilization Center. The Regional Crisis Hub will serve people of all ages and include individuals who voluntarily present, and those who have been emergency petitioned. The REOI will seek proposals to develop all types of crisis services including mobile crisis teams, a regional crisis hub and residential crisis beds.
- **988:** Promoting the National Suicide Prevention and Crisis Helpline, which is now Maryland's new crisis hotline number, will begin when the number goes live on 7/16/2022. In the interim, we are educating stakeholders about the change from a 1-800 number to 988.
- **Mobile Crisis Response Teams Expansion/Standardization:** BHA continues to partner with the Medicaid Administration in developing the funding structure and clinical service requirements for mobile crisis teams and walk-in/crisis stabilization centers.
  - A consultant was hired via a CMS Technical Assistance grant to develop items necessary for State Plan Amendment modifications and complete a rate setting analysis.
  - Start-up funding has been awarded to develop mobile crisis and mobile response stabilization teams in previously unserved counties (Western and Southern Maryland regions).
  - Ongoing county/regional discussions are underway to discuss essential elements of the crisis system and ensure consistency with both CMS guidance and the Maryland Comprehensive Crisis System Framework.



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- The Technical Assistant Consultant is supporting BHA and Medicaid in developing the preliminary regulations for Walk-in/Crisis Stabilization Centers.
- Work is underway with the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Institute of Innovation & Implementation to complete a Landscape Analysis for the Adult Crisis Services. The Landscape Analysis will identify gaps and provide crisis data from across the state.
- **Maryland's Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan for 2022-2024**
  - The Opioid Operational Command Center (OCC) is requesting public feedback on its draft of Maryland's Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan for 2022–2024. The plan, which serves as the strategic framework guiding the state's opioid crisis response efforts, is focused on advancing Governor Larry Hogan's policy priorities of *Prevention & Education, Treatment & Recovery, and Enforcement & Public Safety*. The plan is being made available for public comment until June 17, 2022.
  - The 2022–2024 Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan identifies eight goals to support the overarching goal of reducing overdose-related morbidity and mortality in Maryland. These include:
    - Improving Statewide Infrastructure for Opioid Initiatives
    - Promoting Youth Resiliency
    - Increasing Awareness of Substance Use Disorder
    - Expanding Harm Reduction Services across Maryland
    - Promoting Comprehensive Care Coordination
    - Expanding Maryland's Crisis Response System
    - Expanding Access to Evidence-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
    - Supporting Recovery Communities
  - **The draft of the plan can be found [here](#). Individuals who are interested in reviewing the plan can provide feedback by completing this [form](#). Please contact the OCC at [help.oocc@maryland.gov](mailto:help.oocc@maryland.gov) with any questions.**
- **PRP Provider Training** - BHA in partnership with the University of Maryland Training Center is sponsoring the following training for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) providers.
  - **An Overview of the Principles and Domains of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services and Shared Decision Making** - This training will review the principles and the seven domains of psychiatric rehabilitation (PsyR) and recovery for use in clinical and community settings. Didactic exercises and skill practice will be used to assist participants to experience and apply the PsyR approach to skills teaching for people using mental health/PsyR services.
  - **Assessing Readiness for Psychiatric Rehabilitation** - This training will review the theories and skills of assessing readiness to engage in psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery-



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oriented services in preferred clinical and community settings. Didactic content and exercises will be used to teach participants to orient and identify high priority settings for change, and then to assess individual readiness to engage in rehabilitation. These interactive training sessions will require active participation from participants. All trainings will be held 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost of each training is \$25 per participant.

○ **Overview of Psychiatric Rehabilitation: PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONE DATE ONLY**

- Session 1: Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40579&StepNumber=1>
- Session 2: Friday, June 10, 2022, 9 - 11 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40581&StepNumber=1>
- Session 3: Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 9 - 11 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40583&StepNumber=1>

○ **Assessing Readiness for Psychiatric Rehabilitation: PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONE DATE ONLY**

- Session 1: Tuesday, June 21, 2022: 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40585&StepNumber=1>
- Session 2: Tuesday, June 28, 2022: 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40587&StepNumber=1>
- Session 3: Thursday, June 30, 2022: 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK:  
<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=40589&StepNumber=1>

● **Public Awareness Activities:**

- The new Good Samaritan Law campaign began May 20th on multiple media platforms, to include video, audio, streaming, and digital. Link to video PSA:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpRgGloQ\\_UM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpRgGloQ_UM)



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- The Dangers of Fentanyl PSA [https://youtu.be/\\_hei\\_vWuLlg](https://youtu.be/_hei_vWuLlg) picked up two more awards:  
1) Local TV: General Awareness PSA <https://www.tellyawards.com/winners/2022/local-tv/general-public-service-psa> 2) Local TV: Health and Safety  
<https://www.tellyawards.com/winners/2022/local-tv/general-health-safety>
- The Telly awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens.
- **State Opioid Response (SOR) III**
  - The 2022 State Opioid Response (SOR) III Funding Opportunity Announcement has been released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-22-005>. The Behavioral Health Administration will be applying for SOR III federal funds. Maryland is eligible to apply for \$51,378,523 in federal funding.
  - SOR funding will be utilized to primarily support evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support activities. BHA will be accepting proposals through the Local Behavioral Health Authorities, Local Addiction Authorities, and Core Service Agencies. Proposals and budgets are due to BHA on June 15, 2022. All proposals must be submitted on SOR III Initiative Proposal Form. To request a copy of the BHA SOR application submission forms, please email [MDH.SORIIIgrant@maryland.gov](mailto:MDH.SORIIIgrant@maryland.gov).
- **Women's Conference** - On June 23, 2022, BHA in partnership with the University of Maryland Training Center is hosting the **Annual Women's Conference**. To register and for more details please see link: [https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001sdj350qPZ6B99eWMUfngVFILLIVtW-IJEq6KX-0oBd-9yZQaDDBgyDAKwtm0x0nFpNsVoiZSiDe0aW1YlBeAPfvoB\\_oqbcAE2jDxAyE02L9H0vH8aQZcAcxZ9gGXZpbL8jsAmcy7TA\\_VDmr92ScwclW-Le8Vjw9CFq1v-HlgqV5Be8CTXLtMHQN5Gb-03gH0VoU\\_S4GIKMhyeE6iz4IDqD3-gOFXRjjeaGZ10TK4IU3qN9A1qWWdCA==&c=1s6htXXitL31FWUxYtVYeNS9kaxw7NujccgRZK0Ow-mnGD3Kaniow==&ch=xe8ur1z4EzQigf6-hZg-uXNWaQU5zDSVNJeQUbLhE2Bu-3axvBqX8g==](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001sdj350qPZ6B99eWMUfngVFILLIVtW-IJEq6KX-0oBd-9yZQaDDBgyDAKwtm0x0nFpNsVoiZSiDe0aW1YlBeAPfvoB_oqbcAE2jDxAyE02L9H0vH8aQZcAcxZ9gGXZpbL8jsAmcy7TA_VDmr92ScwclW-Le8Vjw9CFq1v-HlgqV5Be8CTXLtMHQN5Gb-03gH0VoU_S4GIKMhyeE6iz4IDqD3-gOFXRjjeaGZ10TK4IU3qN9A1qWWdCA==&c=1s6htXXitL31FWUxYtVYeNS9kaxw7NujccgRZK0Ow-mnGD3Kaniow==&ch=xe8ur1z4EzQigf6-hZg-uXNWaQU5zDSVNJeQUbLhE2Bu-3axvBqX8g==)