



Deputy Secretary Behavioral Health Monthly Updates August 2022

- **BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve**
 - September 8: **The Role of Nutrition and Physical Activity in Mental Wellbeing.**
Dhruti Patel, MS. Moderator: Jennifer Greenspun, LCSW-C.
[Register here.](#)
 - September 22: **Clinician Wellbeing: Psychological PPE in the Age of Covid and Beyond.**
Carol A Bernstein, MD. Moderator: Hinda Dubin, MD.
[Register here.](#)
- **BHI Integration**
 - The BHI learning community session is planned for September 16th.
 - The manual development committee is working to complete the first draft.
- **Crisis System Development: Maryland Crisis System Workgroup (including 988 update)**
 - The Emergency Psychiatric Facilities list has been updated. There are currently 43 hospitals on the list that can accept emergency petitions.
 - The Crisis Assessment Tool for Adults, through the Praed Foundation, has been developed. Training on the use of the tool is being scheduled for October/November.
 - A rate analysis for mobile response teams and crisis stabilization centers is underway. This information will be used to help establish the reimbursement rate for services through Medicaid. Initial draft expected by September 6th.
 - A 988 Continuous Quality Improvement workgroup will have its first meeting September 20, 2022. This stakeholder workgroup will review data related to 988 call center performance and make recommendations for improvement.
 - The next Maryland Crisis System Workgroup meeting will be held October 18.
- **PRP**
 - The work group is working to respond to concerns raised by the Community Behavioral Association of Maryland (CBH) on the reviewed authorization form.
 - The PRP work group has commenced a meeting with the University of Maryland to conduct a consumer satisfaction survey to assess the consumers' perception on the quality of services they receive.
- **Public Awareness Activities**
 - August 31 was International OD Awareness Day. Promotion of the day and its meaning have already started on BHA social media.
 - September is Recovery Month. Promotion of all local activities throughout the state will be shared. Each week, for a total of five (5) weeks, a specific topic will be covered related



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to the state campaigns: Stigma, Naloxone, Dangers of fentanyl, 988, and Good Samaritan Law on our Facebook page.

- 988 is currently being promoted through a digital, audio, and billboard campaign. The 988 toolkit can be found at this link [toolkit](#).

- **Public Health Webinar**

- This webinar is the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. To be added to the calendar invitation, please email ivajean.smith@maryland.gov or steven.whitefield@maryland.gov.

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

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- **State Opioid Response (SOR)**

- The applications for SOR III for \$51.3M and the No Cost Extension for SOR II \$15M were submitted to SAMHSA on 7/18/22 and 7/29/22, respectively. We are currently awaiting the notices of award (NOA).
Since October 1, 2020, SOR II has served 159,361 individuals who have an Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder.

- **Other Health Webinars that may be of interest:**

- Maryland's 34th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference
 - Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022
 - Location: Virtual Training
 - Contact: Dionne Bowie; dionne.bowie1@maryland.gov
 - Conference Fee: TBD
- The BHA Opioid Overdose Prevention Clinical Advisory Team
 - This webinar occurs on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. To be added to the calendar invitation, please email steven.whitefield@maryland.gov.