

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Mental Health Advisory Committee</h1> <p style="margin: 0; color: red;">Minutes – October 1, 2024</p>
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Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Bill Ellis	Garrett Mannchen	Kelly Gruitt		Liandra Agyekum
Jennifer Grinnell	Marissa Leslie	Samar Khleif	Michael Mayer	Charlotte Aniakea
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Alan Orenstein	Meredith Peace		Hermela Asfar
Susan Kerin		Jordan Satinsky		Gail Comier
Stephanie Joseph				Susaanti Follingstad
Libby Nealis				Jeffrey Innocenti
Celia Serkin				Monica Martin
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				Bob Viega
				Robin Yasinow

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting came to order at 7:03 p.m. Libby Nealis chaired the virtual meeting. The attending members constituted a quorum.

- II. **Presentation by Gail Cormier, Director of the National Federation of Families.** She spoke about the benefits and challenges of peers. The National Federation of Families also manages the [SAMHSA's National Family Support Technical Assistance Center](#).

- III. **New Business**
 - a. **CIT Bill** – Michelle Grisby-Hackett shared that the CIT bill will be discussed in January. A number of aspects of it (hiring of social workers within the police force and MOUs) have already been done without legislation.

- b. **LBHA** – Samar Khleif shared that the summary for the county’s Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping has been published
 - c. **Killing of Bishop Jones-Daniel** – The Silver Spring Justice coalition has written a letter to MHAC expressing concern about the killing of Jones-Daniel who lived with a mental health condition. MHAC members motioned by unanimous consent to draft a response. Bill Ellis agreed to draft the letter.
 - d. **Subcommittee based on priorities** – Proposed subcommittees include CAYAS, Medicaid Reimbursement for School-Based Services and Workforce. There will be no legislative committee this year. It was agreed that this will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - e. **Suicide Prevention Coalition** – Diane Lininger reminded MHAC members to complete the [LBHA needs assessment survey](#).
 - f. **CAYAS Update** – At the last meeting, there was continued discussion focused on school refusal.
 - g. **HHS Committee of the County Council** – Libby will be presenting MHAC priorities to the Health Committee of the County Council on October 17th. She invited MHAC members to attend and listen to the presentation.
 - h. **November Meetings** – MHAC members should send presenter/topic ideas to Diane.
- IV. **Meeting Minutes** – The September 2024 meeting minutes were approved with one edit (spelling of participant name) by unanimous consent.
- V. **CERB Discussion** – The CERB is updated every 10 years. There was a quick review of the draft. Diane asked that MHAC members provide edits no later than Monday.
- VI. **Announcements from Commissioners/ and or the Public** – Susan Kerin shared that she attended the County Executive’s Budget Town Hall and a NAMI affiliate meeting. Both emphasized that the budgets (State and local) will be tight. NAMI-Maryland also shared that the Fail First bill may be a State priority.
- VII. **Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting ended at 8:56 p.m.