



Deputy Secretary Behavioral Health Monthly Updates July 2022

- **Bed Registry**
 - 211 Press 4 is now active providing a hotline and online access point for discharge planners in hospital emergency departments to register patients in overstay status for additional care coordination and referral to community based behavioral health service.
 - For inpatient care coordination, we encourage hospitals to use the Care Coordination Center Bed Board Hotline at 1-844-863-BEDS (2337).

- **BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve**
 - August 11: No webinar.

 - August 25: Mindfulness and Other Techniques for Stress and Anxiety. Cheryl Mirabella, MA, NHC. Moderator: TBD.
[Register here.](#)

- **BHI Integration**
 - The BHI learning community session was held on July 15. The session reviewed the contents of the phase 1 draft of the systems management manual being developed and worked with staff of the local jurisdictions and BHA to identify more topics and areas for the development of policies and procedures.

- **Crisis System Development: Maryland Crisis System Workgroup**
 - **Data Dashboard and System Management**
On June 21, the Crisis Assessment Tool training was provided to 179 people. The CAT will be used by mobile crisis teams, and walk-in/crisis stabilization centers across the state.

- **PRP**
 - The PRP workgroup is working with Optum to implement the enhanced medical necessity criteria and continue to conduct site visits to assess the availability of rehabilitation specialists at PRP program sites.

- **Public Awareness Activities**
 - On July 16, 2022, the National Suicide Prevention hotline number changed from 1-800-235-8255 to 988. Although 211 Press 1 remains available for crises and information, BHA is publicizing 988 as the State's new crisis hotline number. BHA has developed a web page with information about 988: 988.maryland.gov.
 - Digital and audio ads started airing July 17, 2022 regarding the new 3-digit behavioral health crisis hotline number, 988.
 - Billboards advertising 988 will run in Western and Eastern Maryland for four (4) weeks beginning on August 1

- **State Opioid Response (SOR)**
 - On July 18, 2022, BHA submitted an application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for SOR III funding in the amount of \$51,378,523.



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- **Public Health Webinars**

- This webinar is the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The webinar on August 5 will include updates on COVID-19 and Monkeypox. 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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[Or import the iCalendar \(.ics\) files to your calendar system.](#)

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

- July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Mental Health Month). The Awareness, Outreach, and Community Engagement (AOCE) Subcommittee will host a learning opportunity on Friday, July 29 from 12 pm -1:30 pm focused on cultural responsiveness. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jordan-Alston, Asst. Professor at Bowie University & CEO of Jordan Peer Recovery. To join the webinar, access this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89079584661?pwd=T0FxeKh2WWhWOGImQW0rbEM0SmJBU T09>

- 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