

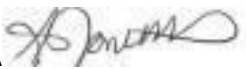


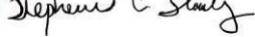
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SUBJECT: 2020-2021 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2020-2021 Behavioral Health Plan.

The 2020-2021 Behavioral Health Plan is the result of a series of discussions by and inputs from the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Executive Team, BHA program staff, and various stakeholder groups. BHA would like to acknowledge all of the individuals and organizations who contributed to the development of this Plan. We would also like to thank all of the members of the Maryland Behavioral Health Advisory Council, particularly the Planning Committee of the Council, who reviewed the draft document for final comments and approval at its July 2020 meeting.

The goals, objectives, and strategies in this Plan address major issues that support the implementation of: behavioral health integration; access to care, various legislative activities; ongoing behavioral health projects and initiatives; and partnerships with state agencies, communities, providers, consumer and family advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders.

Additionally, we are moving forward in our COVID-19 response activities, prevention and intervention efforts as well as improving access and the quality of care within the Public Behavioral Health System and expand our provider network which also supports telehealth applications.

BHA continues to align its goals with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Strategic Initiatives, which further delineate BHA's focus on the continued improvement in the delivery of services for mental illnesses, co-occurring disorders, substance-related disorders and other addictions such as problem gambling as well as initiatives toward prevention and wellness. This document also informs the Federal Block Grants for Mental Health and Substance Related Disorders.

Please share the Plan with your staff, colleagues, and/or other individuals who will participate toward and benefit from the accomplishment of the goals contained in this document. We look forward to continued collaboration with all our partners and stakeholders in our ongoing planning and program implementation efforts to meet the behavioral health needs of all individuals and families living in the State of Maryland.

Enclosure: 2020-2021 Behavioral Health Plan

This document will also be available through the following link on BHA's Website:

<https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Behavioral-Health-Plans.aspx>

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