



Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority Provider Meeting

September 18, 2025

10am-11am

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Purpose: Provide an opportunity for local providers to learn about local resources and programs and to educate other providers about their services.

AGENDA:

Time	What	Who
10:00am	Welcome, LBHA Updates	LBHA Team
10:15am	988- Resource Presentation	Adrianna Fotso
10:30am	Health Equity/Bilingual Services	Claudia Zarate & Meka Blizzard
10:45am	ASO Transition Discussion/Provider Updates	Local Providers
11:00am	Adjourn	

Attendance: Claudia Zarate, Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Katie Dorsey, Sarah Bailey, Justin Thompson, Alicia Coates, Danielle Reumont, Nikki D'Angelo, Jayla Jones, Janeen Collinson, Lisa Katz, Sierra Gass, Becky Sweeney, Keri-Jo Bobo, Denise Dickerson, Alicia Dalton, Adrianna Fotso, Eric Sullivan, Liz Cobb, Jocelyn Fisher, Lisa Portillo-Crawley, Amanda Mullins, Tenika Wilson

LBHA Updates

The LBHA staff have provided some [important updates](#) regarding various initiatives and developments within the department.

988 Resource Presentation

Adrianna Fotso from Community Crisis Services Inc. delivered a [presentation on the new 988 crisis hotline](#). This service is designed as the primary contact for individuals experiencing a crisis and seeking immediate support. The 988 hotline aims to provide callers with appropriate information and resources tailored to their specific situations, serving as a comprehensive resource for all behavioral health-related inquiries.

Health Equity/Bilingual Services Presentation

Claudia presented an insightful overview of the [Health Equity team and the bilingual services](#) offered by the Calvert County Health Department. She elaborated on the various resources available within the department and highlighted the organizations with which she collaborates to provide bilingual services to the Hispano-Latino community. The Health Equity team assists individuals in accessing services by addressing barriers such as transportation, lack of insurance, and language differences. Claudia also mentioned the [breast cancer program](#), which supports this community through such a challenging diagnosis.

ASO Transition Discussion & Provider Updates

The Providers were given the opportunity to share their experiences with Carelon as well as updates to inform other providers about their services.

Cornerstone was awarded a grant to implement an advanced in-home program for children at risk of out-of-home placement. This program targets uninsured or underinsured students identified by schools who are not eligible for IHIP-C. Licensed providers may submit referrals, which require review and approval by the schools. The Memorandum of Understanding with the schools is pending finalization, and staff are scheduled to begin next week.

The Prosper team continues its outreach efforts in all four high schools and at community events such as Recovery Fest. They are exploring a collaboration with Claudia due to their bilingual application offering.

Pathways is [accepting referrals](#) for its [In-home Senior Services Program](#), which provides medication management, case management, and therapy to Calvert residents aged 65 and older with a behavioral health diagnosis whose insurance does not cover in-home services.

Additionally, LBHA now offers Spanish versions of our clinical brochures.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025, 10am-11am