

Maryland Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Program

Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Notes

May 29, 2026

Participants

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Zoom AI Meeting Summary

The meeting focused on updates and planning for Maryland's CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) demonstration program. Kayin announced that Maryland was added to the federal CCBHC demonstration program, and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) website will be launched by June 12th. Emma discussed data quality measures required by SAMHSA, with participants sharing their readiness to report the required measures, and some technical challenges were noted regarding EHR implementation and data collection. Dan outlined plans for upcoming readiness assessments with the five CCBHCs, which will be conducted as half-day sessions to evaluate preparedness independently of formal certification. Kayin provided timeline updates, confirming that BHA will have 45 business days for application reviews with notifications expected in late September or early October, but since the announcement from SAMHSA was received sooner than expected the official demo start date is TBD.

Demonstration Update

- Maryland has been accepted into the federal CCBHC demonstration program.
- [The official May 28 announcement from SAMHSA is available to view here.](#)
- BHA is having internal discussions and formal notice of next steps is forthcoming.

Data Quality Measures

- Emma led a discussion about [clinic-collected measures required by SAMHSA](#) for CCBHC expansion grantees.
- Kevin and Cari highlighted the technical challenges and costs associated with implementing these measures, noting that backend changes and staff training are required.
- Katie mentioned that while they are prepared to report the required measures, they will need to work with mobile crisis providers to obtain data for the crisis services submeasure.
- Dimitri emphasized the importance of having a dedicated health data analyst to facilitate the required data collection and reporting.
- The group also discussed the use of specific SDOH screens, with Kevin mentioning that they prefer the CMS screen and that the Maryland DLA screen is not included in the list of SAMHSA-approved screens.

BHA Updates

- Kayin provided updates on BHA's website development, which is expected to go live by June 12th, and on certification application review processes that will be refined and discussed at the June stakeholder meeting ahead of the July 27 application deadline.
- Kayin also encouraged folks to review official FAQs that were issued on May 14, highlighting FAQ #1 regarding salary caps and #4 regarding PRP incorporation into the CCBHC model and cost reports

Readiness Assessments

- Dan explained that MHAMD will assist BHA with conducting readiness assessments for the five CCBHCs over the next few months.
- The assessments are intended to evaluate preparedness independently of certification and provide technical assistance to support CCBHC rollout; the assessment will not influence ultimate certification determinations.
- Dan will reach out to the CCBHCs soon to schedule half-day in-person meetings; the assessments will be shared with the CCBHCs in advance of these meetings.

Open Discussion

- Kayin clarified the timeline for application review, stating that applications will be due July 27 with BHA reviewing internally within 45 business days, expected to provide notifications by late September or early October.
- The start date for the demonstration in July 2027 remains undetermined and Kayin expects to provide more concrete information within the next week.
- Multiple stakeholders expressed excitement about participating in the collaboration and thanked the state team for their hard work in completing and submitting the successful demonstration application.

Next Stakeholder Meeting

- Friday, June 26 at 10AM