



MABHA

Maryland Association of Behavioral Health Authorities

MABHA is a non-profit organization comprised of all of Maryland's core service agencies, local addictions authorities, and local behavioral health authorities.

MABHA members are responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring public behavioral health services at the jurisdiction level.

MABHA Mission

MABHA supports a strong behavioral health system of care by using our collective voice to educate, advocate and build collaborative partnerships, effecting lasting change and improving the lives of all people in Maryland.

MABHA Vision

All Marylanders will have equitable access to services to thrive in communities that support emotional health, well-being and recovery.

Local Jurisdiction Behavioral Health Systems Managers

Core Service Agency (CSA)

Local Addictions Authority (LAA)

Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA)

Overview and Purpose of LBHAs

Maryland Department of Health

Behavioral Health Administration

Local Behavioral Health Authorities, Core Service Agencies and Local Addictions Authorities

Behavioral Health Providers

LBHA Role

- **Ensures** access to a full range of quality behavioral health services
- **Advocates** for policies to advance prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery
- **Collaborates** with system partners improve access to care
- **Strengthens** communities by supporting behavioral health and wellness

LBHA Primary Responsibilities

LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Maryland law (Health General § 10-1201) establishes there is a Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) or a Core Service Agency (CSA) and Local Addictions Authority (LAA) for non-integrated jurisdictions in every county in Maryland and Baltimore City. In this document, the term LBHA is being used collectively to include LBHA, CSA, and LAA entities. LBHAs have four essential roles:



Leadership: To provide behavioral health leadership, including collaboration to develop a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services for the PBHS at the local level and, where possible, develop innovative approaches that could be replicated in other jurisdictions.



Oversight: To promote quality within the local system of care and partner with regulating authorities in the PBHS to ensure compliance with statewide standards at the local level.



Management: To assess, plan, design, and manage needed behavioral health programs and services for the PBHS at the local level while supporting BHA to carry out statewide initiatives when needed.



Operations: To be good stewards of public funds by efficiently and equitably managing operations and administrative functions of the LBHA.

LBHAs have experience....

- ✓ Coordinating Behavioral Health services in their communities and including collaboration and partnerships in and with their schools
- ✓ As fiduciary agents, applying for grants, issuing grants, monitoring performance and working with subgrantees
- ✓ Collecting and reporting data on numerous platforms
- ✓ Coordinating and managing community engagement
- ✓ Being the Medicaid, non-Medicaid agent in their communities
- ✓ Providing and overseeing preventative BH services in their communities

Funding & Structure of Service

Fee-for-Service

Services paid for by insurance (Medicaid, Medicare)
Limited services for people who are uninsured or underinsured, etc.
Network of private non-profit providers

Grant-Funded

Grant-funded programs provide services not reimbursable by insurance
Meant to fill gaps in the “fee-for-service” system
Pilot or specialty programs
Services for people who are uninsured or underinsured, etc.

Current LBHA role in Medicaid, non-Medicaid, Prevention services

- LBHAs represent the Behavioral Health Administration on the local level and are responsible for oversight of all Medicaid providers, services and contracts
- Prevention programs were previously separated from BHA and LBHAs administratively and so there is a lot of variation in local jurisdictions and their engagement levels with preventative services depends on the jurisdiction's structure
- Most LBHAs are involved directly or indirectly in their jurisdictions with preventative services

Local Variation of LBHAs

(see handout: LBHA Structures)

Core Service Agency (CSA)

Local Addictions Authority (LAA)

Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA)

County/Jurisdiction

Regional

NonProfit

Local Health Departments

State Health Departments

Home Rule/County Government Health Department

LBHA Staffing and Other Capabilities

- LBHAs range in staff sizes from 4 to 100 staff
- Because LBHAs are existing organizations in each jurisdiction, addition of staffing to fulfill the Hub responsibilities, in addition to establishing workflows specific to Hub needs, would be the needed start up costs, as the infrastructure already exists.

Role if not selected to be the Hub

If LBHAs are not hubs they will still be responsible for managing the local public behavioral health system and the Hubs would need to partner with the LBHAs for multiple responsibilities including:

- Establishing oversight of BH providers in their jurisdictions
- Coordinating with BH providers across the jurisdictions
- Collect and report data on BH providers, services and funding in the jurisdiction
- Engage BH providers and update current information related to Medicaid services, billing and regulations

Without additional funding to manage increased workload

Looking ahead, how is the role of the LBHA evolving?

- Role of LBHAs continues to grow and evolve our jurisdictions
- The Behavioral Health needs for all Maryland Citizens continues to grow and LBHAs are on the forefront of innovative programming and community engagement to advance BH services in all of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions
- Leaders in the regional implementation of Trauma Informed Care
- Uniquely positioned to address the needs of both public and private challenges to strength our communities, address inequities and build resiliencies across Maryland in a manner that unifies Maryland citizens access to services while honor unique local traditions and needs.

Local Authority Directors

Allegany County-LBHA	Becki Clark
Anne Arundel County-LBHA	Adrienne Mickler/Sandra O'Neill
Baltimore City-LBHA	Crista Taylor
Baltimore County-LBHA	Ari Blum
Calvert County-LBHA	Andrea McDonald-Fingland
Caroline County-CSA	Katie Dilley
Caroline County-LAA	Jessica Tuel
Carroll County-LBHA	Cathy Baker
Cecil County-CSA	Shelly Sawyer
Cecil County-LAA	Kenneth Collins
Charles County-LBHA	Karyn Black
Dorchester County-CSA	Katie Dilley
Dorchester County-LAA	Donald Hall
Frederick County-LBHA	Andrea Walker
Garrett County-LBHA	Fred Polce, Jr.
Harford County-LBHA	Jessica Kraus/Shawn Martin

Howard County-LBHA	Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy
Kent County-CSA	Katie Dilley
Kent County-LAA	Jennifer McCready (interim)
Montgomery County-LBHA	Sara Rose (interim)
Prince George's County-LBHA	Imani Booker-Lewis
Queen Anne's County-CSA	Katie Dilley
Queen Anne's County-LAA	Edwin Gibbs
Somerset County-LBHA	Shannon Frey
St. Mary's County-LBHA	Tammy Loewe
Talbot County-CSA	Katie Dilley
Talbot County-LAA	Sarah Cloxton
Washington County-CSA	Carrie Tressler
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