



**Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports**  
**45 Calvert Street, Room 336, Annapolis, MD 21401**

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Wes Moore, Governor; Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor  
David D. Rudolph, Chair; Mark Luckner, Executive Director, CHRC

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**July 28, 2023**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

**AGENDA**

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| 1. Call to Order                        | Chair Rudolph               |
| 2. Approval of July 12 meeting minutes  | Chair Rudolph               |
| 3. Update since last Consortium meeting | Chair Rudolph               |
| 4. Subcommittee Updates                 | Subcommittee Chairs         |
| 5. Open discussion                      | Consortium members          |
| 6. Next Steps                           | Chair Rudolph, Mark Luckner |
| 7. Adjournment                          | Chair Rudolph               |

**Meeting of the  
Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**In-Person Meeting**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. David D. Rudolph, Chair, Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
2. Erin McMullen, Maryland Department of Health | Chief of Staff
3. Edward Kasemeyer, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission | Chair
4. Mary Gable, Director of Community Schools | Assistant Superintendent, Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, & Educational Policy, Maryland State Department of Education
5. Christina Bartz, Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers | Director of Community Based Programs, Choptank Community Health Systems.
6. Dr. Derek Simmons, Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland |Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools
7. Gail Martin, Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers | Former Baltimore County Public Schools Team Leader, School of Social Work
8. Dr. John Campo, MD, Maryland Hospital Association | Director of Mental Health, JHU Children's Center, JHU Hospital
9. Sadiya Muqueeth, DrPH, Member, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission | Baltimore City Health Department
10. Ryan Moran, representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program | Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, Maryland Department of Health
11. Larry Epp, Ed.D, representative of the community behavioral health community with telehealth expertise | Director of Outcomes and Innovation, Families and Communities Service Line, Sheppard Pratt Health System
12. Gloria Brown Burnett, local Department of Social Services | Director, Prince George's County Department of Social Services
13. Michael A. Trader II, representative of local departments of health | Director of Planning, Quality, and Core Services, Worcester County Health Department
14. The Honorable Katie Fry Hester, Senator, Maryland State Senate

Also in attendance were: National Center for School Mental Health Core Faculty & Assistant Professor of Psychiatry Sam Reaves; CHRC Executive Director Mark Luckner; other staff; and members of the public.

**WELCOME**

Chair Rudolph welcomed the group. New Consortium members Erin McMullen and Ryan Moran introduced themselves.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

A review of the May 22, 2023, minutes was held. Michael Trader made a motion to accept the May 22, 2023, minutes as presented at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Kasemeyer. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **UPDATE ON CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES**

Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) Executive Director Mark Luckner reminded Consortium members that the Consortium approved recommendations for the first Call for Proposals (RFP) at its May 22, 2023, meeting. Since that time, the recommendations were approved by the CHRC Commissioners at the CHRC meeting on June 5. CHRC Commissioners directed staff to draft the RFP. Then, the draft was circulated to the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for review.

At the same time, the Outreach Subcommittee and Consortium/CHRC staff continued to hold outreach meetings with school districts, superintendents, statewide organizations, and potential RFP applicants. Such meetings have already been held with potential applicants and other stakeholders in Allegany, Cecil, Prince George's, Somerset, Worcester, and St. Mary's Counties. In light of new recommendations from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) leadership, these meetings have been paused until final details for the RFP can be worked out.

## **DISCUSSION OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT RFP**

Chair Rudolph opened the discussion by emphasizing that the feedback received from MDH leadership was appreciated and viewed as supportive of the process. The Consortium will thoughtfully consider the recommendations.

MDH Chief of Staff and Consortium Member Erin McMullen said MDH's comments on the draft RFP were geared toward expanding and increasing access to a behavioral health framework in Maryland through preventative and acute school-based services. The Department recommends: (1) removing Hub pilot grants from the first RFP, (2) clarifying the role of LEAs in the model, and (3) potentially limiting grants to Tier 1 interventions only.

MDH Deputy Secretary of Healthcare Financing Ryan Moran echoed Ms. McMullen's comments. He said Maryland Medicaid has been busy with a number of issues, including new guidance on school-based services recently released by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Department intends to brief the Consortium's Best Practices Subcommittee on its plans related to this guidance in the near future.

Consortium members then discussed the three recommendations Ms. McMullen and Mr. Moran put forward.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Chair Rudolph stated that the Consortium's current goal is to finish the RFP quickly and correctly. He directed the Consortium's subcommittees to meet soon,

so that the RFP can be released as soon as possible. He said members of the public may provide feedback to the Consortium in writing within five days.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Gail Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Derek Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.



# Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

July 28, 2023

# Feedback from MDH

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1. Remove Hub capacity building grants from this Call for Proposals.
2. Clarify level of Local Education Authority engagement.
3. Limit funding to Tier 1 interventions only (school / population health).

# Recent activities

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| <b>July 12</b>             | Consortium met to discuss MDH feedback   |
| <b>July 12-21</b>          | Public comments accepted in writing  |
| <b>July 19, 20</b>         | Best Practices & Framework Subcommittees met to discuss MDH feedback and develop recommendations |
| <b>July 28<br/>(today)</b> | Consortium meeting on Subcommittee recommendations   |

# Public comments received

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- 41 comments received.
- Split on the question of whether to fund Hubs in first RFP.
- Suggestions for ways to clarify engagement with LEAs.
- 2/3 of respondents said services should be funded at all three MTSS tiers.
- 2/3 of respondents said EBPs should not be limited to those prescribed by the Consortium.



# Framework Subcommittee

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Met on July 19.

- Reviewed public comments, voted to adopt both MDH recommendations.
- Still committed to the collective impact model, through Hubs and Spokes.
- Subcommittee will meet to discuss the parameters of a future Hubs-Only RFP to be issued in September.
- RFP will include provisions to strengthen collaboration between service providers and LEAs.

# Framework Subcommittee

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## Recommendation #1: Hubs -- ADOPTED

MDH leadership recommends that the Consortium and its Framework Subcommittee continue to study the Hub and Spoke model to ensure any future Hubs are built on, and do not duplicate, existing structures for behavioral health care coordination.

- Local Behavioral Health Authorities
- Local Management Boards

Subcommittee will meet in August to discuss the parameters for a Hubs-only RFP to be issued in September 2023.

# Framework Subcommittee

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## Recommendation #2: LEAs -- ADOPTED

MDH leadership recommends the Consortium clarify engagement between Local Education Agencies and grant-funded community providers.

### Proposed revisions:

- Clarify letter of support from Superintendent/designee
- Include list of key LEA contacts for applicants
- Clarify MOU requirement between LEAs and service providers
- CHRC will consult with LEAs during application review process
- CHRC will consult with LEAs on grantee performance during grant period

# Best Practices Subcommittee

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MDH Recommendation #3 had two parts:

1. Focus on Tier 1 interventions only.
2. Reduce the number of EBPs that will be eligible for funding. Applicants that do not select an EBP listed in the RFP would not be eligible for grant funding.

# Recap: Tiers of Support

## Tier 3

### *Intensive*

*for students with moderate to severe challenges*

## Tier 2

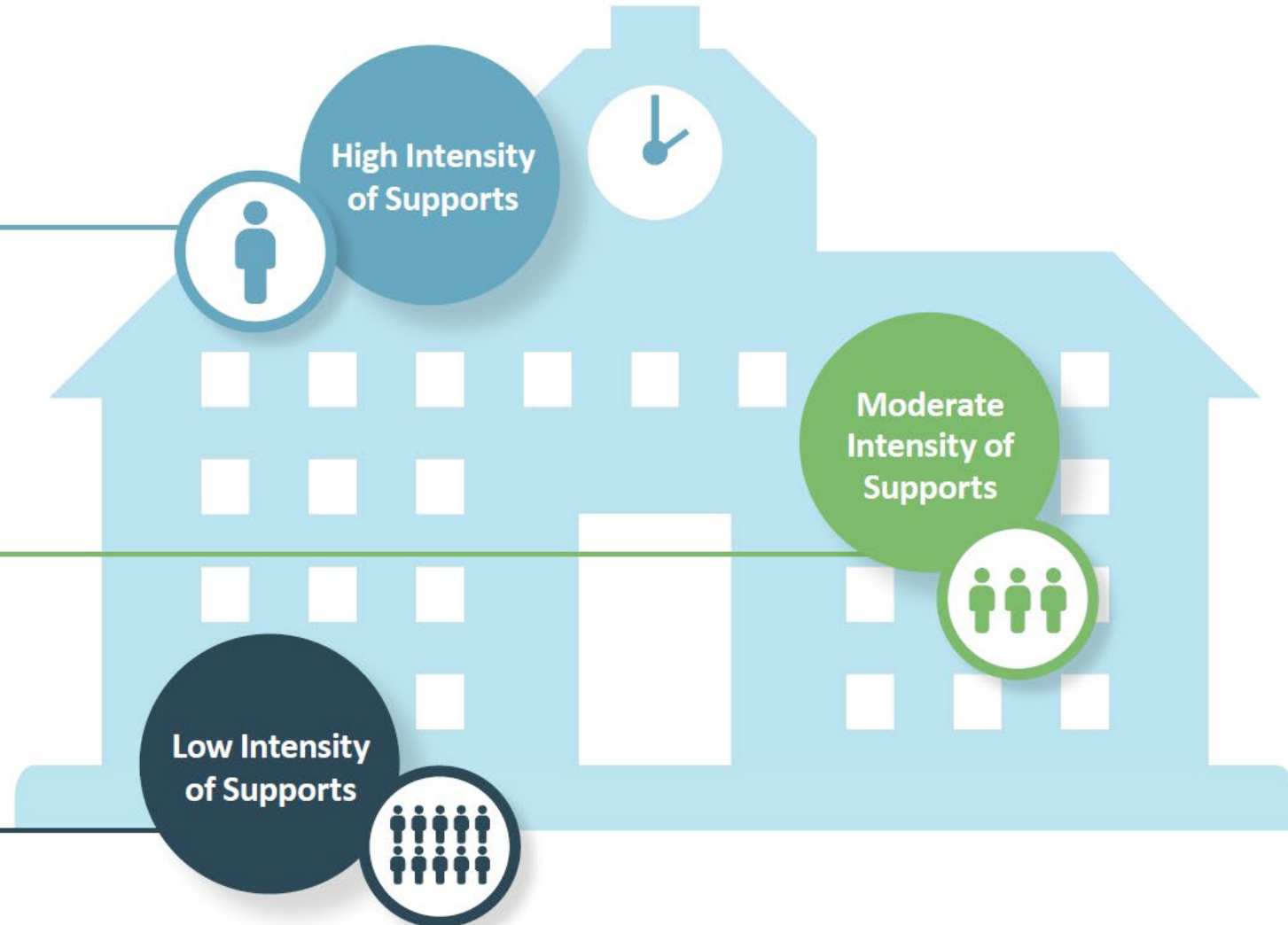
### *Targeted*

*for students identified as at risk for a negative behavioral health outcome or who are experiencing mild to moderate concerns*

## Tier 1

### *Universal Support and Universal Screening*

*for all students*



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# Revised MDH recommendation #3

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- In light of comments by Consortium members and the public, MDH recommends that applicants may submit proposals for interventions at any of the three Tiers of MTSS.
- Tier 2 and 3 interventions may be supported if the applicant can demonstrate they respond to documented local priorities.
- Tier 1 interventions also should be supported, since the Consortium is one of few funding sources for them. (School-wide prevention and mental health promotion)

# Best Practices Subcommittee

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- Subcommittee met on July 20 and voted to adopt the revised MDH recommendation #3.
- No change to the lists of EBPs developed by the Subcommittee.
- Applicants will be required to demonstrate that proposals align with documented local priorities. Examples of documentation:
  - Letter from Superintendent (required for all)
  - Local needs assessments
  - LEA Blueprint implementation reports
  - Data

# Proposed revised timeline – First RFP

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| <b>July 28<br/>(today)</b> | Consortium meeting on Subcommittee recommendations                 |
| <b>Early August</b>        | CHRC meets to authorize release of RFP                             |
| <b>Mid-August</b>          | CHRC releases RFP  |
| <b>Mid-October</b>         | Proposals are due  |
| <b>December<br/>2023</b>   | Award decisions are made; services begin for 2023-2024 school year |