

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

Opening:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was called to order at 8:02 a.m. on February 11, 2025 by Rebecca Young, Deputy Administrative Officer for Public Safety.

Voting CJCC Members Present:

Honorable Dorothy Wilson, Chief Robert McCullough, Walt Pesterfield, Maria Fields, Dr. Lucy Wilson and Ari Blum were present.

Attendees:

Rebecca Young, Lauren Phillips, Aimee Bollinger-Smith, Elise Andrews, Tanya Smith, Meg Ferguson, Colonel David Greer, Brittany Jackson, Jennifer Magin, Amy Park, Colonel Richard Hite, Hilary Siakor-Sirleaf, Kevin Ledford, John Cox and Kelly La Valley were present.

Welcome Remarks:

Rebecca Young, Deputy Administrative Officer for Public Safety, welcomed and thanked the members for attending.

Presentation:

- **Frederick County Walk-In Crisis Care Center: Presented by Suzi Borg, Director of Crisis Services of the Frederick County Mental Health Association and Andrea Walker, MPH, MA, CPRP Director & Chief Public Health Strategist Behavioral Health Services Division Frederick County Health Department:**
 - Ms. Andrea Walker oversees this program by bringing together all of the key stakeholders and parties as the principal and project director for federal funding, which includes the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Ms. Walker coordinates between county finance, first responders and providers for construction.
 - The Frederick County Crisis Services for the Mental Health Association is the service provider for the Walk-In Crisis Center.

- The Mental Health Association is a private, not for profit in Frederick County, which is celebrating its 60th year of service in the community. There are 14 programs that have services for families, support for childcare providers, and the crisis services division. This is made up of a 24-7 hotline, out-patient mental health clinic and walk-in crisis program.
- Crisis Services began in 1985 with an after-hours hotline for children and then expanded in 1990 to 24/7, joining the statewide youth crisis hotline. The hotline includes: 211, 988 and local Frederick County lines.
- The call center identified the need for a walk-in crisis center in Frederick County. The vision for this was to provide crisis focused interventions in a safe environment. In addition to phone calls and mobile crisis response in the county, there was a need for face-to-face immediate access without barriers, this included, cost or payment source or type of crisis that would reduce the unnecessary visits to the Emergency Department, (ED) whereas in the past the ED was the only option if mobile crisis was not available.
- The individual reports the crisis.
- Timeline:
 - 2014 - 56 Hours per week – 320 served
 - Available 7 days a week, but was only open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Began with two crisis specialists
 - Staff are at bachelors and master’s levels, with rigorous training and experience working with those in crisis, with a majority of the staff having previously worked in the call center.
 - Very important that when people leave they had something in their hand, so a wellness plan was created and when necessary a safety plan and a thorough follow up plan was completed.
 - 2020 - 76 hours per week – Urgent Medication Evaluation – Follow-Up Navigation
 - Received funding from House Bill 1092 - Crisis Grant Funding – Behavioral Health Crisis Grant Program, which allowed for the expansion of open hours.
 - A bridge prescriber was needed for urgent medication evaluations. No medications are held on-site.
 - Get a psychiatric evaluation scheduled within 48 hours of visit with the psychiatric nurse practitioner.
 - Work to connect guests with resources and long-term care.
 - Added follow-up navigation and peers.
 - Virtual option was added
 - 2024 - 24/7 – New Location – Extended Care – 1337 served
 - Extended care stays are available to those in need of more time and to connect them with a long-term rehabilitation program.
 - 8,756 Unique Individuals Served
 - Keep track of return visits
 - No regular repeat visits – usually several years between visits
 - Over half of guests have private insurance.
 - 10,339 Total Visits
- Walk-In Crisis Center Building:
 - Open reception area, so that guests don’t feel confined.
 - Large room to meet guests

- Recliner area (casual seating)
 - Room to meet with children that feels safe and welcoming.
- Walk-In Crisis Care Center Highlights FY24:

Walk-In Crisis Care Center Highlights FY24



Unique Visitors by Age FY Comparison

Age	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21
0-6	35	37	40	12
7-12	171	179	157	67
13-17	232	270	331	144
18-24	217	170	210	157
25-29	134	95	117	123
30-39	213	170	197	174
40-49	138	113	99	94
50-59	93	84	82	67
60-69	62	47	56	46
70+	37	34	31	24

Average wait time: 11.83 minutes
 Busiest day of the week: Wednesday
 Busiest hours: 10am and 2pm

83% report connection to resources
 97% report improvement in well-being

33% of children ages 7 - 12 would be at Emergency Department
 34% of children under 18 would be at Emergency Department

47 schools made referrals
 42% of all children referred by a school

Peer Referrals Accepted: 77
 19% discussing SUD concern accepted
 Peer Referral

Walk-In Crisis Care Center
 340 Montevue Lane
 Frederick, MD 21702

Insurance Information FY24 by Age

Age	Medicaid	None	Private	Tricare	Medicare
0-6	23	2	8	2	0
7-12	63	4	91	6	2
13-17	84	8	122	7	1
18-24	71	34	101	7	2
25-29	38	30	59	2	1
30-39	75	44	87	1	4
40-49	48	20	62	3	12
50-59	27	11	47	0	9
60-69	14	6	25	2	21
70+	2	0	4	0	33

Youth Presenting Concerns* by Age Range

Age	FY24	Suicide Concern	Homicide Concern	SUD Concern
0-6	35	4	6	3
7-12	171	89	22	6
13-17	232	140	16	39
18-24	217	112	1	84

*Concern indicates discussion during visit

Walk-In Crisis Care Center Highlights FY25 YTD



Unique Visitors by Age FY Comparison

Age	FY25 YTD	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21
0-6	14	35	37	40	12
7-12	51	171	179	157	67
13-17	114	232	270	331	144
18-24	111	217	170	210	157
25-29	51	134	95	117	123
30-39	117	213	170	197	174
40-49	66	138	113	99	94
50-59	40	93	84	82	67
60-69	26	62	47	56	46
70+	16	37	34	31	24

Average wait time:
13.74 minutes
Busiest day of the week:
Monday
Busiest hours: **12pm**

86% report connection to resources
98.28% report improvement in well-being

Insurance Information FY25 YTD by Age

Age	Medicaid	None	Private	Tricare	Medicare
0-6	5	0	7	2	0
7-12	17	1	29	3	1
13-17	39	6	56	6	2
18-24	30	24	51	2	2
25-29	13	12	24	0	1
30-39	43	20	43	7	1
40-49	21	10	32	1	8
50-59	11	7	21	0	3
60-69	7	3	9	1	7
70+	1	0	5	1	13

32.89% of children ages 7 - 12 would be at Emergency Department
33.70% of children under 18 would be at Emergency Department

45 schools made referrals
69.27% of all children referred by a school

Peer Referrals Accepted: **44**
13% discussing SUD concern accepted
Peer Referral

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7-12	51	24	5	3
13-17	114	75	9	26
18-24	111	53	0	40

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- Future Plans:
 - Phase 2 renovation
 - Alternate destination
 - Crisis Stabilization
- The Frederick County Mental Health Association operates the 988 call center and works closely with the Mobile Crisis Team.
- Ari Blum updated the counsel that the final draft for a Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center in Baltimore County will be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the December 10, 2024 meeting were presented. Motions were made, seconded and carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council – Aimee Bollinger-Smith:**
 - At the meeting on February 7, 2025 the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council met with Suzanne Bailey from the Women’s Law Center. Ms. Bailey provided strategies that can be provided for foreign born domestic violence victims with immigration services.
 - Officer Sherry Evelyn is the new liaison for the Domestic Coordinating Council. DVCC also met with Matt Darnbrough from the Baltimore County State Attorney’s Office.
 - There will be no 2025 domestic violence conference due to finances.
- **Forensic Mental Health Workgroup – Tanva Smith:**
 - The meeting was held on January 8, 2025 with a presentation by Live Benevolent. One of the presenters was incarcerated for over 30 years. He spoke about the challenges that he has faced after his release, dealing with the many changes that had occurred while he was incarcerated.
 - Judge Davis presented information on the newly established Veterans Court.
 - There are 24 inmates awaiting transfer to state hospitals.

Roundtable Update:

- Rebecca Young asked the members of the CJCC to please reach out with any suggestions on topics that they would like to see presented in future meetings.
- Chief Robert McCullough, Baltimore County Police Department attended the meeting of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCAA), which was held in Washington D.C. on February 5, 2025 until February 7, 2025. Tom Homan, the Border Czar was a speaker and concerns were shared about immigration. Mr. Homan confirmed that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will not be going into any schools across the nation. ICE doesn’t have the capacity or capability to handle or process children, and they have no desire to separate families and will not be targeting any

churches. ICE's primary focus is on criminal warrants and offenders, not on separating families or targeting non-criminal undocumented persons. It was understood that most law enforcement agencies across the country are not equipped to support an immigration customs enforcement mission. Mr. Homan was informed that there has been a substantial delay of undocumented persons being picked up by ICE after notification from the Department of Corrections has been made, which may lead to their subsequent release. Mr. Homan advised that he would give the directive to ICE that upon the D.O.C. notifying them of custody of a prisoner, that ICE must immediately pick up the prisoners. There have been complaints about ICE activity around schools and churches, but no evidence has been found to support these claims. BCPD has not been involved in any targeted activity by ICE. When ICE has conducted targeted activity on criminals, subsequently some other undocumented persons who were caught up in those situations were detained also. ICE has found that they don't have space to accommodate the undocumented persons that have been detained. Chief McCullough can be available to go out to various communities to address their immigration fears. The school system has been impacted by the number of children who are afraid to go to school for fear ICE will detain them. BCPD will follow county policy and go about the normal course of business. BCPD will not participate in any directed activity that is focused on immigration policy or issues. However, in certain emergency situations that may arise, that might require BCPD to respond and assist ICE, the department will assist and perform any law enforcement responsibilities. BCPD will not engage in directed ICE activity.

- Has there been any drop off on calls for service? For example; do you find that people who may have been victims of a crime are reluctant to call the police for fear of immigration consequences? Chief McCullough stated that there is no evidence of that at the time.

Next Steps:

- The next CJCC meeting will be held on April 8, 2025. We will continue with the Mental Health topic for the April meeting. Ari Blum will present on the Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center final draft. BCSTAT will be presenting on the resources map for mental health services available to youth.

Adjournment:

- Motions were made, seconded and carried for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., Room #118, Historic Courthouse in Towson, Maryland.