

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC)

Healthy Minds & Suicide Prevention Coalition (HMSPC) Workgroup Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

November 13, 2025

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Meeting Goal: To strengthen collaboration within the Healthy Minds and Suicide Prevention Coalition (HMSPC) by learning about the work of Stepping Towards A New Destiny (S.T.A.N.D.) and exploring collaboration opportunities, engaging coalition members in a discussion and brainstorming session to identify effective community engagement strategies, and establishing next steps to enhance outreach, awareness, and support for mental health and suicide prevention efforts in Howard County.

Meeting Agenda

Meeting will start promptly at 2 pm

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| 2:00 – 2:10 pm | Welcome
Ice Breaker
Previous Meeting Re-Cap
Announcements
<i>Stephanie Foster,</i>
<i>Community Engagement Coordinator,</i>
<i>Howard County Health Department,</i>
<i>Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC)</i> |
| 2:10 – 2:35 pm | Stepping Towards A New Destiny (S.T.A.N.D.) Presentation
<i>Tigana S. Duncan,</i>
<i>Executive Director,</i>
<i>Stepping Towards A New Destiny (S.T.A.N.D.)</i> |
| 2:35 – 2:55 pm | Continued Discussion/Brainstorming with Coalition Members Regarding Community Engagement
<i>Barbara Allen, Co-Chair</i>
<i>Executive Director, James' Place Inc.</i>
<i>HC Opioid Restitution Fund Commission</i> |
| 2:55 – 3:00 pm | Next Steps & Wrap-up
<i>Stephanie Foster,</i>
<i>Community Engagement Coordinator,</i>
<i>Howard County Health Department,</i> |

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***Healthy Minds and Suicide Prevention Coalition Workgroup FY26-28 Goals:**

- **Goal 1.** Promote safe home practices such as safe storage of medications, firearms, and other harmful materials, and reduce stigma of mental health support through education and community engagement.
- **Goal 2.** Develop initiatives highlighting community violence intervention programs, promoting safe firearm storage and ownership practices, and collaborating with law enforcement agencies to address illegal firearms and reduce gun violence.
- **Goal 3.** Promote culturally appropriate and accessible mental health and behavioral resources through partnerships with local organizations and businesses serving priority populations.

HCLHIC Calendar of Events QR Code

