



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Acute Psychiatric Services Workgroup Meeting
Friday, May 3, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Agenda & Discussion Guide

I. Introductions and Overview

- Introductory icebreaker
- Purpose of the Workgroup and tentative timeline

II. Certificate of Need (CON) Regulations and the State Health Plan

- Purpose and process
- History of regulatory approach for acute psychiatric hospital services
- What do workgroup members want CON regulation of acute psychiatric hospital services to achieve?

III. Acute Psychiatric Bed Capacity

- Summary of MHCC Staff's assessment of the adequacy of acute psychiatric hospital bed capacity (as described in White Paper)
- Do Workgroup members agree with MHCC Staff's assessment?
- What options are available to address any lack of bed capacity identified? Can changes to CON regulation address this issue?

IV. Access to Acute Psychiatric Hospital Services

- Summary of MHCC Staff's assessment of access to acute psychiatric hospital beds
- Is there adequate access to acute psychiatric hospital bed capacity?
- What are the primary barriers to improving access to acute psychiatric hospital care in Maryland?
 - Are there certain groups that lack appropriate access, based on their age, geographic location, diagnosis (e.g., co-occurring disorders), or insurance status?
- What options should be considered to address access barriers?
 - Can CON regulations be changed to address access barriers?

V. Impact of New Acute Psychiatric Bed Capacity on Existing Providers

- MHCC staff description of how impact is typically evaluated for other hospital services
- Recommendations from the MHCC CON Modernization Report
- What is the appropriate approach to evaluating the impact of proposed expansions of acute psychiatric capacity on existing providers?