

MHAPAC Meeting Notes, 08/11/2026

Agenda item#1: Marilyn Berry-Stamm welcomes all members and audience for attending the meeting despite the storm. Council members were encouraged to attend in person. Some new members with lived experience attended in person for the 1st time. Those who were unable to attend in person joined online.

Agenda item #2: MHAPAC Purpose: Sarah Sailors

Applications to add council members were reviewed in March. This was the 1st meeting that some attended in person since joining. Director Sailors reviewed SAMSHA guidelines and Indiana Administrative code. SAMSHA guidelines require an advisory council for Mental Health Block grant recipients. The guidelines require certain members to serve on MHAPAC. Director Sailors revealed we are now compliant with having at least 50% of council members with lived experience. Directors Sailors introduced herself to new members and opened the floor for lived experience members, providers and DMHA introductions. Director Sailors provided DMHA updates.

Agenda Item #3: MHBG Application Review by Amber Holland

Amber Holland presented on behalf of Ayana Brown. Amber reviewed target populations and priority areas of the MHBG application. Since this year is an “off” year, we are required to review the information with members and submit any updated information to SAMSHA by September 1, 2026. Amber answered Marilyn’s question regarding MHBG recipients who will receive funding through 2030.

Agenda item#4: Porter-Starke Discussion by J. Todd Van Buskirk.

Overview of Mobile Crisis Team presented including funding streams. LaPorte county is also in service area. Clinician and MD are available to Crisis Team 24/7. Follow up Care Coordination is provided after crisis is addressed.

Agenda Item # 6: Member Updates

Several member updates were shared including Handle with Care, NAMI, Clubhouse, and Mental Health Matters Day at the Indiana State Fair.

Agenda Item #7: Closing

Marilynn Berry Stamm shared her resignation as chair of the committee and asked for those present to consider the position. Appreciation for her service was offered by many.