Howard County Disability Inclusion, Safety and Crisis Response Task Force

October 27th, 2026
11a – 11:30a
Meeting Summary

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Task Force members voted to approve the October 15 and October 22 meeting minutes

Vote on Final Recommendations

The Task Force members voted to approve final recommendations for submission to the County Executive by November 2, 2026. Quorum was confirmed at start of meeting.

Final vote tally is as follows:

33 members in attendance
24 – Yes
2 – No
Abstain – 7.

Member	Vote
Al's Love Cafe	Yes
Arc of Howard County	Yes
Accessible Resources for Independence	Yes
Association of Community Services	Yes
Athelas Institute	Yes
Autism Society of MD – Co-chair	Yes
County Executive appointed – Co-chair	Yes
Howard County DCRS	Yes
Howard County DFRS	Yes
Howard County DRP	Yes
Howard County DSS	Yes
Community rep – Dr. Jill Harrington	Abstain
Community rep – Jeannie-Marie Leoutsakos	Yes
Community rep – Rae Haight	Yes
Disability Rights MD	Abstain
Ethan Saylor Alliance	Abstain
Horizon Foundation	Yes

Commission on Disabilities	Yes
Howard County Police Dept.	Yes
Howard County Public School System	Yes
Humanim	Yes
Hussman Institute for Autism	No
Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Ctr.	Yes
L.O.V.E. is the Answer	Yes
Local Behavioral Health Authority	Yes
MD Department of Disabilities	Abstain
NAMI Howard County	Yes
Clinician	Abstain
On Our Own	Abstain
Howard County Consumer Protection	Yes
Pathfinders for Autism	Abstain
People on the Go	No
Sheppard Pratt	Yes

Next Steps

Approved recommendations will be submitted to the County Executive and incorporated into a formal report.