

Howard County
Disability Inclusion, Safety and Crisis Response Task Force

Work Session #4 (Hybrid Meeting)

October 6, 2026
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Nonprofit Collaborative
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

[Virtual Link](#)

1. Co-chair updates
2. Discussion: Finalize Task Force Recommendations
 - a) Review updated recommendations from Sep 28
 - b) Practical steps - what is needed to implement each recommendation? Legislation? Funding? Culture change? Partnership? Others?
3. Discussion: Strategic Transition
 - a) This is the last work session for the task force. Along with the proposed implementation group to carry the work forward, are there other connections or strategies we need to consider to ensure this work is not lost in transition?
4. If ready: Task force vote on final recommendations
 - a) If needed: Voting session on October 15 @ 10a

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Resources Shared to Date

- I. [HCPD General Orders and SOPs related to Mental Health and IDD](#)
 - a. Note: All HCPD policies are publicly available [here](#), if needed.
- II. [July 30 task force presentation](#) on HCPD training practices
- III. [Behavioral Health Crisis Response Triage Matrix](#)
- IV. [Law Enforcement Response to Persons with IDD's \(RAND\)](#)
- V. [Vera Institute Literature Review of Crisis Response Services](#)
- VI. [Autism and Safe Police Interactions](#)
- VII. [Autistic Communication Suggestions](#)
- VIII. [COMAR Mobile Crisis Team Regulations](#)
- IX. Fire/EMS tools/trainings nationwide:
 - a. <https://ibcces.org/blog/2024/04/12/alexandria-fire-dept/>
 - b. <https://www.allhandsfiretraining.com/course-catalog/specialized-training/autism-awareness>
 - c. <https://traubassoc.com/first-responder-disability-training/>
 - d. <https://jemstraining.com/courses/autism-awareness-for-first-responders/>
 - e. <https://iddsafe.com/>
 - f. <https://nps-aid.org/blue-envelope-program/>
 - g. <https://autismsociety.org/first-responder/>