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Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. Hosts 12th Annual Sequential Intercept Mapping Model (SIM) Conference

Easton, MD (November 14th, 2025) – Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH) hosted the 12th Annual Sequential Intercept Mapping Model (SIM) Conference on Friday, November 14th, 2025, at Temple B’Nai Israel in Easton, MD. This year’s theme, “Beyond Boundaries: Intercepting Challenges, Mapping Hope,” centered on strengthening cross-system partnerships and enhancing opportunities for diversion, treatment, and recovery across all points of the criminal justice continuum. The event drew approximately 110 participants, including behavioral health providers, law enforcement professionals, corrections staff, judicial partners, and community members.

The Sequential Intercept Mapping Model (SIM), developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), outlines six key points of intervention where individuals with behavioral health and substance use needs can be connected to services instead of progressing deeper into the justice system. The SIM framework supports communities in identifying system gaps, aligning resources, and developing coordinated strategies rooted in public health, recovery, and collaboration. Each intercept—ranging from community services to law enforcement encounters, court involvement, jail-based services, reentry, and community supervision—serves as an opportunity to divert individuals from unnecessary incarceration and promote treatment-focused pathways.

This year’s keynote speaker, Judge Marina L. Sabett, Associate Judge for the District Court of Maryland and Coordinating Judge for Behavioral Health for the Maryland Judiciary, opened the conference by highlighting the importance of integrated, cross-disciplinary approaches within the justice system. Judge Sabett drew on her experience leading the Montgomery County Mental Health Court to emphasize how judicial leadership can shape meaningful outcomes for individuals with behavioral health conditions.

Following the keynote, presenters guided attendees through each intercept of the SIM model. Mariah Shupe, Mid-Shore CIT Coordinator, discussed early law enforcement and crisis-response interventions. Chief George W. Bacorn, Jr. expanded on the role of police in connecting individuals to behavioral health services. Joseph Hughes, Director of Corrections for Talbot County, and Amanda Tondin, Administrative Captain, outlined jail-based programming, case management, and reentry preparation. Judge Heather Price highlighted the judicial perspective and the importance of treatment-focused problem-solving approaches. Bill Rhodes, LCPC, addressed mental health service delivery within detention centers, and Keenan Wilson, Supervisor with the Office of Parole and Probation, closed

with insights into the department's shift toward a therapeutic, case-management model.

Attendees participated in afternoon breakout sessions aligned with each intercept, engaging in conversations about regional gaps, emerging challenges, and strategic priorities. These discussions will inform MSBH's ongoing behavioral health planning across the mid-shore region.

Alisha Saulsbury, LCSW-C, Forensic Mental Health Program Manager, shared: "The Sequential Intercept Mapping conference brought together Mid-Shore partners in a powerful way, strengthening collaboration across behavioral health, community services, and the justice system. The dialogue shared today move our region closer to creating safer, more coordinated, and more compassionate pathways of support for individuals involved in the justice system."

For more information about MSBH's Forensic Mental Health Program visit <https://midshorebehavioralhealth.org/programs/forensic-mental-health/>.

As the Core Service Agency for the mid-shore region, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. is dedicated to enhancing behavioral health services for residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties by coordinating care in collaboration with consumers, their support systems, providers, and the broader community. To learn more, visit www.midshorebehavioralhealth.org.



The MSBH Team poses at the end of the 12th Annual SIM Conference.



Conference Attendees work in groups to identify gaps in the SIM Model.



From left to right: Katie Dille, MSBH CEO; Mary Becraft, MSBH Forensic Mental Health Case Manager; Amanda Tondin, Administrative Captain, Talbot County Department of Corrections; Bill Rhodes, LCPC, Mental Health Coordinator, Talbot & Dorchester County Detention Centers; Joseph Hughes, Director of Corrections, Talbot County; Chief George W. Bacorn, Jr., Denton Police Department; Judge Heather Price, Caroline County Circuit Court; Judge Marina L. Sabett, Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland & Coordinating Judge for Behavioral Health; Mariah Shupe, Mid-Shore CIT Coordinator; Alisha Saulsbury, LCSW-C, Forensic Mental Health Program Manager, MSBH.



A full crowd of over one hundred attendees listen to a speaker present at the 12th Annual SIM Conference.