

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD
2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

Purpose

The purpose of this Board is to serve as the coordinator for the collaboration of services specific to children, youth, and families in St. Mary's County. The Board is accountable for bringing together local child-serving agencies and providers, clients of services, and other local stakeholders to set priorities and address the needs of our community.

Activities

A variety of human service agencies are represented on the St. Mary's County Local Management Board (SMC LMB), along with community volunteers. During the calendar year 2025, the LMB held 11 meetings. Board members set mentoring services as a priority in response to supporting the vastly increased community needs. Amanda Meatyard continues to serve as SMC LMB Coordinator, Missy Alexander is the LMB Chair, and Angela Cochran is LMB Co-Chair.

The LMB Coordinator, with support from the SMC LMB and State representatives, continues to use vendor monitoring sheets to support vendors and maintain compliance throughout the fiscal year. The Board requires vendors receiving LMB funds to present at a community meeting to share data, strengths and challenges, next steps, as well as program sustainability strategies. Vendors presented in November 2025 as part of the FY26 midyear monitoring process. This change has strengthened program monitoring and continuous quality improvement by allowing the SMC LMB to assess program performance earlier in the fiscal year, identify trends across programs, and engage in more meaningful dialogue with vendors. The midyear review format has also created opportunities for technical assistance, resource alignment, and targeted support during the second half of the fiscal year, rather than after funding decisions have already been finalized.

The SMC LMB was awarded E.N.O.U.G.H (Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Groups, and Households) LMB Capacity Building Grant. The SMC LMB hosted monthly ENOUGH community meetings providing organizational development opportunities. Presentation topics included collaboration, data collection, asset mapping, capacity assessment, grant readiness, and performance measurements. Funding also allowed one-on-one coaching for Community Based Organizations. The SMC LMB leveraged ENOUGH funds and funds from the Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) to update its Community Plan.

The SMC LMB remains focused on overall child well-being as well as enhancing community engagement and partnerships. To that end, the SMC LMB is committed to advocacy efforts for antipoverty work, child mentoring programs, and early childhood education.

Challenges

The primary challenge for the SMC LMB remains meeting increased demands at their agencies, which often interfered with their abilities to attend all Board meetings. Overall, human service agencies continued grappling with the tremendous increase in need for services along with staffing changes and growing vacancies.

Plans

In FY26, the Board's primary focus will continue to identify the changing needs within our communities for youth and families. The SMC LMB's Community Plan was completed in March 2025, and board members will align strategies with this plan for the next fiscal year. The SMC LMB's application to the Governor's Office for Children for funding allocation will reflect those priorities along with required data to support a coordinated strategic approach for response as a cohesive human services delivery system. The Board will continue to support new programs with implementation, data collection, and evaluation of services.

Membership as of December 31, 2025–

Missy Alexander, Chair
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