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No. 2025 – 098 May 5, 2025, 2 p.m.

[May 8, 2025, 1:15 p.m.] UPDATE: <u>Application Withdrawn for Proposed Crisis</u> Stabilization Center in Charlotte Hall; May 22 Public Hearing Cancelled

St. Mary's County Government Releases Statement on Proposed Crisis Stabilization Center in Charlotte Hall

LEONARDTOWN, MD – Over the last few days, there has been significant community interest and discussion regarding a proposed crisis stabilization center in the Charlotte Hall area, east of the intersection of MD Route 5 and Mount Wolf Road. We recognize and appreciate the public's desire for transparency and clear information on this proposed project and its review process.

The proposed facility is not a County-owned or County-funded project. It is being developed by *Pascal Crisis Services, Inc.*, a private, non-profit organization specializing in behavioral health services. The proposed project must follow St. Mary's County's zoning regulations and go through an official review process, including opportunities for public input.

The project developer chose to conduct a community meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Charlotte Hall Library to seek the community's input on their project ahead of the official public hearings with the County's Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

The first official step in the development review process is a **public hearing** before the St. Mary's County Board of Appeals for a conditional use approval. This hearing is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located in the Chesapeake Building at 41770 Baldridge Street in Leonardtown. This meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to provide input may do so in person or by submitting written testimony via mail or email to Sherrie.Young@stmaryscountymd.gov. Feedback on public hearing topics is accepted in advance. As required by law, the applicant is required to post signs at the proposed project site no later than Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Notice must also be sent by the applicant to owners of all property within 200 feet of the proposed project via certified mail (postmarked by May 7, 2025) and USPS first class mail (postmarked by May 8, 2025). Public Hearing information is also posted in the legal notices section of local newspapers and on our website at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/PublicHearings.

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If the Board of Appeals grants the conditional use approval, the next step would be a public hearing on the concept site plan before the St. Mary's County Planning Commission, where additional public comment will be welcomed. The project must be approved by both the Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission to move forward.

For more information on this project, please contact Sherrie Young with the Department of Land Use & Growth Management at Sherrie. Young@stmaryscountymd.gov or (301) 475-4200 x1522.

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