

**HARFORD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS/
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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Dear Dr. Luongo:

Thank you for your response to our original Strategic Plan requesting that we identify the single priority/action that would advance Harford County's prevention, intervention and treatment system. We have held several Council and committee meetings in an effort to devise an appropriate reply.

The Council believes that the enclosed revised Strategic Plan is an accurate representation of the needs of Harford County citizens. As you know through a 2003 ADA analysis of the disparity in funding throughout Maryland's jurisdictions, Harford County has long been under funded in all areas of substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment.

We recognize that you and your staff want the best possible services for all Maryland citizens. Implementation of our priority outlined in our revised Strategic Plan will do much to reduce the disparity in funding and more importantly, will be a direct benefit to all of the citizens of Harford County.

Please contact me with any questions, thoughts and comments concerning this issue.

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1 Encl: Strategic Plan