

On Thursday, May 10, Governor Larry Hogan gathered his full administration for a regional Cabinet meeting at the Miller Library in Howard County. If you missed the meeting, you can view the live video feed [here](#).

Following the public meeting, members of the cabinet spread out across Howard County visiting over one hundred locations in the community. Our department's first stop was Project SEARCH--there are 8 sites throughout Maryland. Project SEARCH is an internship program for high school students with significant disabilities. A strong partnership develops between the local school system, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, a local provider of adult support services, and most importantly a host business. In Howard County the Project SEARCH partnership includes The Arc of Howard County, Howard County Government which is supplying internship sites, Howard County Public School System, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and Howard County Autism Society. Secretary Beatty presented a Governor's Citation to the Project SEARCH partners and visited interns and former interns who are now Howard County employees.

In the afternoon, Cecelia Warren, Director of Emergency Preparedness moderated a panel, comprised of law enforcement and constituents on the 911 Flagging program facilitated by Lt. Chevront. This voluntary program "flags" information in the 911 system alerting emergency management systems staff to additional information for use when interacting with individuals with disabilities. Director of Housing Policy and Programs, Pat Sylvester, went to the Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) to hear about their Housing Initiative and Catalyst Campaign. She met with Mark Dunham, the HCAS housing consultant and the leadership.

Deputy Assistant Brennan visited the Roger Carter Community Center where Accessible Resources for Independence held a class for young adults with disabilities. There he presented a citation to Susan Potts, CTRS, for her community integration work. Secretary Beatty visited Humanim, a leading provider of services for those with behavioral health needs.