

## Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Full Coalition Meeting

February 4, 2020 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Virtual Meeting

### Minutes

#### Members Present

Charmayne Anderson, Allergy & Asthma Network  
Jennifer Asher, Howard County Commission on Aging  
Erin Ashinghurst, ARI  
Mary Ann Barry, Transition Howard County  
Karen Basinger, University of MD Extension  
Andrea Bendig, BrighStar Care of Howard County  
Michael Bomgardner, MDOT Highway Safety Office  
Bonnie Bricker, Talk with Howard County  
Michele Burton, Amerigroup  
Tara Butler, Howard County General Hospital  
Susan Camardese, Maryland Office of Oral Health  
Synda Chase, CareFirst BlueCross & BlueChoice Community  
Katie Collier, Congruent Counseling Services  
Katie Collins-Ihrke, ARI  
Alyse Cooper, Howard County Health Department  
Joan Driessen, Association of Community Services  
Brian England, BA Auto Care  
Olivia Farrow, St. Agnes Hospital  
Ninping Feng, Chinese American Community Health Services  
Bruce Fulton, Neighbor Ride  
Natalie Hall, Howard County Health Department  
Michelle Holder, Food at the Center  
Janet Jones, Qlarant  
Kathleen Hoke, Legal Resource Center  
Riva Kahn, TasteWise Kids  
Elizabeth Kromm, Howard County General Hospital  
Genny LaPorte, Howard County Police Department  
Vanda Lerdboon, HC Health Department  
Stephen Liggett-Creel, HC Department of Social Services  
Sonya Lloyd, Howard County Health Department

#### Staff Present:

Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Program Director

#### Guests Present:

Arti Varanasi, Advancing Synergy

Anish Manrai, Columbia Association  
Lisa Mark, Stella Maris Home Health Care  
Amy McCarthy, HC Health Department  
Kelly McMillan, Howard Community College  
Lynn Mejia, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan  
Elizabeth Menachery, Howard County Health Department  
Kirsten Minor, Howard County Health Department  
Mayur Mody, American Diversity Group  
Fern Nerhood, Rockburn Institute  
Carson Nickell, Howard County Recreation and Parks  
Tracy Novak, Howard County General Hospital  
Ekere Olojola, Howard County Public Schools  
Emily Paterson, Maryland Poison Center  
Lisa Pearson, Chase Brexton Health Care  
Judy Poey, United Way of Central Maryland.  
Diana Quinn, MedStar Health  
Reena Rambharat, HC Health Department  
Kelley Ray, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield  
Clara Richards, Howard County General Hospital  
Brienne Rowh, University of Maryland  
Claudia Salazar, Howard County Health Department  
Dale Schumacher, Rockburn Institute  
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC Drug Free  
Steve Shuman, Kona Ice  
Sonia Su, Kits to Heart  
Rashel Taylor, The Horizon Foundation  
Lisa Terry, HC Dept. of Community Resources and Services  
Lana Thomas, Community Member  
Laura Torres, Howard County General Hospital  
Antigone Vickery, Howard County Health Department  
Matt Wilson, Howard County Health Department  
Jennifer White, The Horizon Foundation

Rodney Oldham, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Patricia Wright, Aetna, Inc.

| Topic/Agenda                            | Discussion  | Action/Follow-up   |
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| <p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> | <p>Kelly Kesler, M.S. CHES, HCLHIC Program Director for the Howard County Health Department called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.</p> <p>Elizabeth Kromm, Ph.D., Vice President Population Health and Advancement, Howard County General Hospital provided opening remarks. Kelly Kesler welcomed new participants and Coalition members in attendance.</p>  | <p>Guests and those interested in joining the HCLHIC may access information about membership at:<br/> <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/membership">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/membership</a></p> <p>For additional information or questions contact:<br/> <a href="mailto:lhic@howardcountymd.gov">lhic@howardcountymd.gov</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Presentation (s)</b></p>          | <p>Presentations were made by the following:</p> <p><b>Legislative Summary 2020 and Peek into 2021 Maryland General Assembly</b><br/> Kathleen Hoke, J.D., Director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy University of Maryland Carey School of Law Maryland Legal Resource Center, discussed public health legislation in the Maryland General Assembly including Tobacco Bills, Regulation of ESDs, Food Bills, Exploitation of Seniors, and COVID Bills.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Distribution Updates</b><br/> Antigone Vickery, M.P.H., Deputy Health Officer, Howard County Health Department, discussed COVID-19 Impact in Howard County, COVID Vaccination planning at the HCHD, and the current stage of 1B vaccination priority group. Vaccine supply remains stagnant.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Medical Updates on Vaccine and the Disease</b><br/> Elizabeth Menachery, M.D., Medical Director, Howard County Health Department, discussed: How effective are the COVID-19 vaccines, key facts about vaccination, how getting vaccinated can help prevent you from getting sick and to dispel myths about the vaccines.</p> <p><b>COVID19-Community Testing Update FIRN:</b><br/> Kelly Kesler, M.S., CHES, HCLHIC Director discussed HCHD working with community partners such as FIRN to increase testing and</p> | <p>Past minutes and today's presentations are available at:<br/> <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</a></p> <p>To learn more about the Legal Resource Center and / or attend bi-weekly conference calls on all public health legislation pending in the Maryland General Assembly email:<br/> <a href="mailto:publichealth@law.umaryland.edu">publichealth@law.umaryland.edu</a></p> <p>Legal Resource Center Website:<br/> <a href="https://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs-and-impact/public-health-law/">https://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs-and-impact/public-health-law/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health</a> to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccine and priority group information.</p> <p>Howard County COVID-19 dashboard:<br/> <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MM-Alerts-and-Recalls">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MM-Alerts-and-Recalls</a></p> <p>Vaccine locator:<br/> <a href="https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator">https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator</a></p> <p>Howard County COVID-19 campaign:<br/> <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates</a></p> |



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|                             | <p>prepare for the COVID-19 vaccination. Outreach events included pilot testing of “pop-up” sites distributing sanitation-education kits, testing community members and holding 3 webinars.</p> <p><b>COVID19-Community Testing Final Report:</b><br/>Tara Butler, M.S., CWWPM CHES, Health Promotion Program Manager with the Howard County General Hospital discussed Journey to Better Health program supporting vulnerable populations through community testing and connection to resources.</p> <p><b>Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (GBRICS):</b><br/>Laura Torres, LCSW-C, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Population Health Department Howard County General Hospital, <i>A member of Johns Hopkins Medicine</i> discussed establishing behavioral health crisis care as a fundamental element of emergency response and of suicide prevention in the Baltimore region. The plan is to stem the flow of people going to Hospital Emergency Departments.</p> | <p>To attend Howard County Executive Calvin Ball’s Virtual Town Hall on Vaccine Distribution on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00pm sign up: <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates/Vaccination-Virtual-Town-Hall">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates/Vaccination-Virtual-Town-Hall</a></p> <p>For an overview of the coronavirus: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html</a></p> <p>Call the COVID-19 Phone Line for assistance with completing the pre-registration survey at 410-313-6284 or email: <a href="mailto:Hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov">Hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov</a></p> <p>Volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps in Clinical and Non-Clinical roles: <a href="mailto:Lawilliams@howardcountymd.gov">Lawilliams@howardcountymd.gov</a></p> <p>Journey to Better Health’s website: <a href="https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard_county_general_hospital/services/population_health/journey_to_better_health/">https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard_county_general_hospital/services/population_health/journey_to_better_health/</a></p> <p>GBRICS Webpage: <a href="http://www.bhsbaltimore.org/learn/gbrics-partnership/">http://www.bhsbaltimore.org/learn/gbrics-partnership/</a></p> |
| <p><b>Announcements</b></p> | <p>Coalition members were asked to share announcements about upcoming programs and activities with everyone in the Chat Box.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to provide event information for inclusion on the HCLHIC website.</p>  | <p>Click the following link to learn more about <b>OAI Virtual 50+ center</b> <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/50pluscenters">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/50pluscenters</a></p> <p>Howard County Office on Aging and Independence 2021 Resource Guide is now available! <a href="http://howardcountymd.gov/resourceguide2021">http://howardcountymd.gov/resourceguide2021</a></p>   |

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Howard County Office on Aging and Independence Free Virtual Offerings  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5jyvZZqKCY%3d&tabid=1644&portalid=0>

Heart Health Month Series :  
<http://www.hclhic.org/resources/chronic-disease-prevention-resources>

Behavioral Health Summit Series:  
Aetna and HCHD bring you the remaining two sessions of this 5-part series of webinars that will help you learn ways to stay healthy and take control in 2021.

Part 4: Behavioral Trends in Youth  
Wed., Feb. 17, 2021; 12:00pm

Part 5: Growing Your Wellness Toolbox  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021; 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/howard-county-behavioral-health-summit-series-tickets-126902794675>

Maryland Highway Safety Office: Be the Driver Who Saves Lives Webinar Series Session 2: Teen Driving Safety, Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm <https://bit.ly/2LqaF8E>

CAREAPP's new platform with Aunt Bertha starts March 2021, contact: [plerdboon@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:plerdboon@howardcountymd.gov)

Children's Dental Health Month, info at MD Office of Oral Health website: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/oralhealth/pages/home.aspx>

Vaping Education at HCHD contact: [kminor@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kminor@howardcountymd.gov)



HCGH's Journey to Better Health classes in the Spring: Spanish Language Living Well Toolkit (Tomando Control de su Salud), Living Well with Diabetes Toolkit, Living Well Toolkit, and Living Well with Chronic Disease Virtual, for more info call 410-720-8788 or email: [hcgh-j2bh@jhmi.edu](mailto:hcgh-j2bh@jhmi.edu).

Join Accessible Resources for Independence in a virtual fitness class for all levels. Find out what SPIRIT Club is all about and have fun with fitness in a 30-minute exercise. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6uqD0vGNW74HiwM81619q9vXu1u1AY>

To see a class preview from SPIRIT Club, visit

<https://vimeo.com/411439092>

For additional information or to request accommodations, please contact Office Manager Nicole Griffith at [ngriffith@arinow.org](mailto:ngriffith@arinow.org) or (443) 713-3918 by February 15, 2021.

Virtual Cooking Course, Food from the African Diaspora, Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm:

<https://www.foodatthecenter.com/new-event-2>

Howard Community College Public Health student interns available, contact Kelly McMillan at [kcmillan@howardcc.edu](mailto:kcmillan@howardcc.edu)

Kelley Ray: The University of Maryland Medicare Advantage Plan for dual eligible has changed names to CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Medicare Advantage. Email:

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|                                       |   | <p><a href="mailto:Kelley.ray@carefirst.com">Kelley.ray@carefirst.com</a> with Medicare plan questions.</p> <p>Upcoming Webinars hosted by Allergy &amp; Asthma Network:</p> <p><a href="#">Feb 4 The Long-Haul Consequences of COVID-19: Asthma, Allergies and All Conditions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Feb 10 EPR-4 vs GINA – Asthma Care Differences, Overlap &amp; Challenges in 2021</a></p> <p><a href="#">Feb 11 Black People Like Me Virtual Event – COVID-19 and Black Folk: Changing the Game, Changing the Outcome</a></p> <p><a href="#">Feb 25 Sleep Issues – The Effect of Allergies, Asthma &amp; Related Conditions</a></p> <p>Contact Charmayne M.C. Anderson for questions:<br/> <a href="mailto:canderson@allergyasthmanetwork.org">canderson@allergyasthmanetwork.org</a></p> |
| <p><b>Wrap Up and Adjournment</b></p> | <p>Thank you for joining us today! Recording and today’s presentation will be available at <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/">http://www.hclhic.org/</a></p> <p>Please visit the LHIC site for more information on upcoming Events:<br/> <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/news-events/lhic-and-partner-events/month.calendar/">http://www.hclhic.org/news-events/lhic-and-partner-events/month.calendar/</a> .</p> <p>The coalition meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.</p> |  |

**Future Meeting Dates: \*Tentative**

**April 22, 2021 8:30-10:30 (Virtual)**

**July 22, 2021 8:30-10:30 am (Virtual)**

**October 21, 2021 8:30-10:30 (Virtual)**

**WORK GROUP MEETINGS**

TBD

**HCLHIC Action Group Meetings Dates/Times TBD as appropriate.**

- *Access to Care Action Groups:* Asthma; Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs; Dental
- *Behavioral Health Action Groups:* Mental Health First Aid/Suicide Intervention
- *Healthy Aging Action Groups:* Alzheimer’s and Dementia/Falls Prevention Integration;
- *Healthy Weight:* Nutrition
- *Other:* Communication; Continuing and Community Education

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*Please note action groups will be formed and meet as needed and/or on a schedule determined by group. All HCLHIC members are welcome to participate. Updates on actions will be provided to Full Work Groups during quarterly meetings. If you have questions or are interested in participating in a specific action group, please contact [kkesler@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kkesler@howardcountymd.gov)*