

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
9.18.2014 – 8:30a.m.
Minutes

Members present:

Eric Aldrich, Howard County General Hospital
Paula Blackwell, FIRN
Wauseca Briscoe, Riverside Health
Maria Carunungan, HC Health Department
Gail Doerr, MU of Integrative Health
Beverly Francis-Gibson, NAMI Howard County
Bob Giromini, We Promote Health
Danielle Herrmann, Evergreen Health Care
Marsha Dawson, HC Department of Citizen Services
Katie Meara, Chase Brexton Health Services
Elizabeth Menachery, HC Health Department
Andrew Monjan, Transition Howard County
Maura Ordozensky, HC Dental Hygienists' Assoc.
Judith Campbell, HC Health Department
Cindi Schulmeyer, HC Public School System
Starr Sowers, HC Department of Citizen Services
Au'sha Washington, Horizon Foundation
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree
Kristin Weschler, HC Department of Citizen Services

Erin Anderson, United Health Care Community Plan
Leah Blain, Chase Brexton Health Services
Jason Brown, Walgreens
Eviealle Dawkins, AA Community Roundtable of HC
Will Dunmore, Howard County Recreation and Parks
Nancy Frank, Howard Community College
Kim Grimm, Howard County Dental Association
Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association
Kelly McMillan, Howard Community College
Rosimar Melendez, Horizon Foundation
Cindi Miller, Howard County General Hospital
Patricia Omaña, Healthy Howard
Ruby Parker, Healthy Howard
Maura Rossman, HC Health Department
Steve Snelgrove, Howard County General Hospital
Arleen Tate, Delta Sigma Theta
Barbara Wasserman, Community Member
Donna Wells, Howard County Mental Health Authority
Christine Hall, Healthy Howard

Also present:

Jeananne Sciabarra, LHIC Program Director
Caryssa Thomas, Healthy Howard

Alvaro Ortiz, LHIC Program Manager
Wendy Wolff, Maryland Nonprofits

Welcome and Introductions:

All attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Maura Rossman, Howard County Health Officer and LHIC Co-Chair, welcomed the group.

Announcements:

- Access to Care co-chair:
 - Patricia Omaña has been appointed the new Access to Care co-chair.
- 2014 Health Assessment Survey:
 - Bi-annual Health Survey- 80-question telephone survey, 2000 participants.
 - Modeled after Behavioral Risk Factor Survey conducted by the CDC.
 - Overview of the health of the community in Howard County.
 - Information utilized by LHIC, Health Department, Columbia Association and Howard County General Hospital to determine community needs assessment.
 - All phone calls have been completed.
 - Next Steps:
 - Compiling and assessing data.
 - Meet with partners to begin analysis.
- Hilltop Data Repository:

- Data Repository for health related information in Howard County. Incorporating other data sets will give overview of health status progress. More information to come in next couple of months.
- Community Care Team Updates (Ruby Parker)
 - Partnership between Healthy Howard, Howard County Health Department and Horizon Foundation, to reduce number of high utilizers to the ED department.
 - Began accepting referrals in January 2014.
 - Started new process of flagging potential clients, who have been hospitalized twice in the past 60 days, this has increased incoming referrals
 - CCT team works with clients in hospital, and in the home post discharge. Works to connect client with their PCP and needed community resources.
 - Have seen impact on individual client level as to reduction in hospitalizations.
- Working on new website for LHIC, hope to have it up and running within next few months.
- HC DrugFree:
 - Saturday 9-27-14 is national Drug Take-Back Day. Unused prescription medications will be accepted at 9 locations throughout Howard County. Can send out flyers electronically.
 - “Be a Parent, not a Friend” media campaign has begun.
- Chase Brexton has opened a behavioral health clinic. Will host upcoming open house.
- Door to Health Care open enrollment through navigators begins 11-17-14, individuals can begin to self enroll online on 11-19-14.

Approval of Bylaws, Charter, Roles and Responsibilities:

The LHIC voted to approve the Bylaws, Charter and Roles and Responsibilities documents.

Election of LHIC Community Co-Chair:

The LHIC elected Mr. Steve Snelgrove, President of Howard County General Hospital, as co-chair.

Updates from Workgroup Co-Chairs:

- Access to Care:
 - Beginning to decide how to better integrate language access into patient care continuum.
 - Discussion of potential social media project.
- Behavioral Health:
 - Task force gathering as much information as possible, to address behavioral health across Howard County Community.
 - Good representation from LHIC.
- Healthy Weight:
 - Discussion about goals and strategies for upcoming plan cycle, to focus on healthy weight and obesity.

- Increasing access to healthy food and beverage options.
- Increasing physical activity.
- Creating targeted strategies and action steps to achieve goals.

Hospital Role in Community Health (Steve Snelgrove, HCGH President):

- MD Waiver:
 - Came out last January.
 - Changes way hospitals are reimbursed.
 - Decides hospital payment for current year based on performance from previous year.
- Howard County General Hospital currently serving about 43% of community. Should be serving between 75-80%.
- Goals for hospital:
 - Patient experience.
 - Physician-led organization.
 - Employee engagement.
 - Balance financial stewardship role.
- Working towards avoiding re-admissions and reducing hospital acquired infections.
- Better utilize patient days.
- Create more capacity for things that need to be done.
- Need to create vision of health and wellness, disease prevention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.