



Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Access to Care Work Group

May 21, 2020 – 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

WebEx Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Tara Butler, Howard County General Hospital
Sue Camardese, Maryland Department of Health
Shanika Cooper, HC Health Department
Manuel Evangelista, AAA Physical Therapy
Melissa Ganey, Humanim
Lois Joellenbeck, HC Health Department
Janet Jones, Qlarant
Jennifer Lee, Department of Community Resources & Services
Jennifer McCann, Kolmac
Paul McElderry, CAC
Kirsten Robb-McGrath, Maryland Department of Disabilities
Lynn Mejia, United Healthcare Community Plan

Johnathan Ortega, Health Care Access Maryland
Judy Poey, United Way of Central Maryland
Diana Quinn, MedStar Health
Clara Richards, Howard County General Hospital
Lynn Song, Howard County Chamber of Commerce
Nette Stokes, JustLiving Advocacy, Inc.
Karen Spicer, Howard County Government
Rashel Taylor, Horizon Foundation
Kerrie Wagaman, Howard County Public School System
Dr. Jeffrey Wetstone, Community Member
Tom White, Community Action Council of Howard County

Guest Present:

Rajini Raj, Chase Brexton Health Care

Staff Present:

Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Director
Seojin Kim, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Rodney Oldham, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Kelly Kesler, Director of the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Rodney Oldham introduced the speakers, as well as stated the goal and purpose of the meeting	
COVID-19 Updates - LHIC	An overview of the current activities of the LHIC in relationship to COVID-19 response was provided. Numerous collaborative events have been offered virtually in collaboration with LHIC Member organizations.	The current LHIC Strategic Plan can be reviewed at http://www.hclhic.org/priority-areas/action-plans

	<p>The current LHIC Strategic Plan (FY 18-20) will be extended through FY 21 considering the COVID-19 Pandemic. A planning process that will examine Coalition priorities and structure will occur at a future date.</p>	
Speakers	<p>Ms. Lynn Mejia from UnitedHealth Care Community Plan discussed UnitedHealth Care’s outreach efforts, member resources and virtual programming.</p> <p>Mr. Jonathan Ortega from Healthcare Access Maryland provided an update on the status of the Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment period through June 15, 2020. Qualifying changes that would impact enrollment eligibility such as loss of employment were discussed and strategies to communicate with businesses and others shared.</p> <p>Ms. Rajini Raj provided an overview of current services available through Chase Brexton Health Care.</p> <p>Ms. Shanika Cooper from the Howard County Health Department shared information transportation for Medical Assistance clients and Medicaid enrollment.</p>	<p>For information about United Health Care’s virtual wellness programs, contact Lynn Mejia at lynn_a_mejia@uhc.com.</p> <p>For information about Maryland’s Coronavirus Special Enrollment Period visit www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call 1-410-500-4710 Mon - Fri). To contact Mr. Ortega email jortega@hcamaryland.org</p> <p>For more information about Chase Brexton visit www.chasebrexton.org or contact Rajini Raj via email to rraj@chasebrexton.org.</p> <p>For more information about the Howard County Health Department’s Access to Care Bureau visit www.hocohealth.org or contact Shanika Cooper via email to scooper@howardcountymd.gov</p>
Workgroup Members Updates	<p>Kirsten Robb-McGrath from Maryland Department of Disabilities spoke briefly about the 2020-2023 State Disabilities Plan Stakeholder Survey that will help guide the direction and priorities of the plan</p> <p>Clara Richards from Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) discussed the status of Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSME) classes on-going using the Zoom platform. Tara Butler, with HCGH, and work group Delegate, shared that they are hopeful to be able to continue using the virtual class format to reach vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>Work group members are asked to complete the 2020-2023 State Disabilities Plan Stakeholder Survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8M2S8RM. For questions, further information, or to request this information in an alternative format please email info.mdod@maryland.gov or call 410-767-3660.</p>

<p>Wrap Up and Adjournment</p>	<p>Rodney Oldham provided information about the Grab and Go Meal Distribution Services for Older Adults through the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services Office on Aging and Independence. A limited amount of frozen meal packs are available for older adults age 60+ who are experiencing food access issues during COVID-19. The SUGGESTED donation is \$ 47.32 per SEVEN-PACK MEAL KIT (\$ 6.76/meal).</p> <p>Additionally, resources for translation through the Foreign-born Information and Referral Network, Inc. (FIRN) Language Connections was discussed.</p> <p>Work group meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>For information about the Grab and Go Meal Distribution Services for Older Adults visit https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services. For more information or to register (required) call Maryland Access Point at 410-313-1234 (voice/relay).</p> <p>For more information or to request services through FIRN, Contact Alicia Ardila, Language Connections Manager, at alicia.ardila@firnonline.org or leave a message at (443)276-3173.</p> <p>Coalition members may obtain meeting materials at http://hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</p> <p>Community members with health-related COVID-19 questions may contact the Howard County Health Department COVID-19 Hotline at 410-313-6284 or email askhealth@howardcountymd.gov</p>
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Future Meeting Dates:

- Virtual Full Coalition Meeting June 11, 2020 – 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please register for the meeting via the link <https://bit.ly/35iyhSt>
- Behavioral Health Work Group and Provider Calls:
 - Howard County Behavioral Health Provider COVID-19 Resource and Response Call #10 COVID-19 and Vulnerable Populations – Veterans and Caregivers Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2YUfhhB>
- COVID-19 – The Impact of Nutrition on Blood Pressure Control Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Register at: <https://bit.ly/2LqPsYY>

Respectfully submitted by
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 Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition