

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
Minutes of Meeting
6.5.2014

Members Present:

Bob Anantua, The Build Haiti Foundation
Paula Blackwell, FIRN/MOTA
Melissa Clark, Evergreen Health Care
Joan Driessen, Association of Community Services
Brian England, British American Auto Care
Patrick Finley, Howard Community College
Ronna Gotthainer, HC Health Department
Christine Hall, Healthy Howard
Danielle Herrmann, Evergreen Health Care
Stu Kohn, HC Citizens Association
Kelly McMillan, Howard Community College
Katie Meara, Chase Brexton

Cindi Miller, HC General Hospital
Andrew Monjan, Transition Howard County
Al Nall, HC Health Department
Amanda Thomas, HC Health Department
Ruby Parker, Healthy Howard
Maura Rossman, HC Health Department
Mike Senisi, HC Public School System
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree
Arlene Tate, Delta Sigma Theta
Kristin Weschler, Department of Citizen Services
Linda Zumbrun, HC Dept. of Social Services

Also present: Jeananne Sciabarra, LHIC Program Manager for Healthy Howard; Wendy Wolff, Senior Consultant for Maryland Nonprofits

The meeting commenced at 8:35 with a welcome by Jeananne Sciabarra and introductions of all members present.

Announcements

Amanda (Nugent) Thomas announced that her last day at the Health Department will be June 10. She will be moving to the Office of Health Care Quality.

Al Nall provided an overview of the upcoming Howard County Health Assessment Survey and distributed flyers to encourage everyone to “Answer the Call.”

Jeananne announced the LHIC co-chairs appointed by Dr. Rossman:

- Access to Care – Yasmin Viera, Director of Special Populations, Healthy Howard
- Healthy Weight – Eric Masten, Director of Health Policy, Advocacy and Communications, Healthy Howard
- Behavioral Health – Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Director of Behavioral Health, Howard County Health Department

Jeananne announced that the contract with Wendy Wolff, Maryland Nonprofits, will be extended so that Wendy can help the work groups update the Action Plan.

Retreat Feedback

Wendy went through the feedback received after the April retreat.

Retreat Decision Clarification

Jeananne reviewed the voting inconsistency that arose from decisions made at the retreat and the solution proposed by the Advisory Group. The group had decided at the retreat that each organization on the LHIC would have a single vote and that the work group co-chairs would come from the voting members of the LHIC. This would likely have caused some groups, particularly the Health Department and Healthy Howard, to have multiple voting members. The advisory group recommendation was that the two co-chairs of each work group would have a single vote, and that vote would represent the majority view of the work group. The recommendation was accepted by the full LHIC.

Bylaws

Wendy led the group through a review of the bylaws. The group suggested several changes, which Jeananne will make and then forward to the group for final review.

Bylaws

The group discussed the Roles and Responsibilities document. The group decided that, under Work Groups, requiring that a work group co-chair be from a group affected by disparities was too restrictive. The line was moved under “Members” and changed from “must include” to “should include.”

Timeline and Application

Jeananne reviewed the timeline and application with the group. There was a suggestion to include “Other” on the application in Section IV – populations affected by health disparities. Jeananne will do so and send final version to the group.

Charter

The group did not have time to review the charter. Jeananne asked that any comments be sent to her via email.

Other Organizations on the LHIC

The group suggested a few organizations that are not currently represented on the LHIC and should be. Jeananne will follow up with these groups.

Future Meeting Dates

The full LHIC will meet on the third Thursdays of July, September and November, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The dates are July 17, September 18, and November 20. Meetings will be in the Potomac Room of the Health Department, which is accessed from the back of the building.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeananne Sciabarra
LHIC Program Manager