

## The Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) Moving Forward

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## SHIP & LHIC

As part of the State Health Improvement Process (SHIP) in Maryland, local health departments are required to have a Local Health Improvement Process (LHIP). SHIP uses 39 measures in five focus areas that represent what it means for Maryland to be healthy. Maryland SHIP also provides a process for addressing **health disparities** in Howard County.


Part of the health improvement process is the creation of the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC), a coalition of local organizations addressing the diverse health needs of Howard County residents.



The LHIC uses the 39 SHIP measures as well as additional data from the Howard County Health Assessment Survey (HCHAS) and other appropriate sources that represent what it means for Howard County residents to be healthy.

## LHIC Members

**Why SHIP Is Important to Howard County**  
The Local Health Improvement Process encourages broad participation of groups and individuals across the county to examine local needs and set health priorities for Howard County.



## LHIC Leadership

**LHIC Co-Chairs:**  
Maura Rossman, M.D. - Health Officer, Howard County Health Department  
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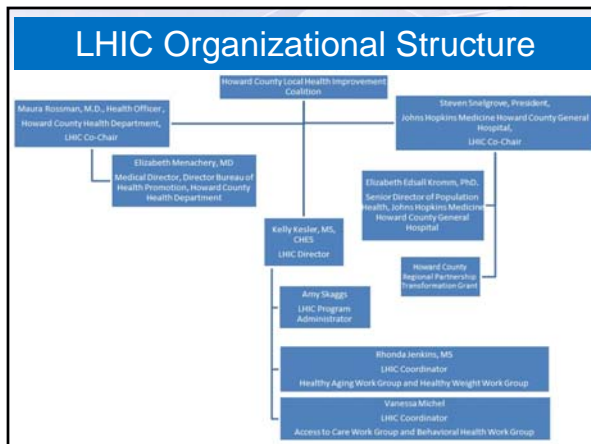
**LHIC Staff Leadership**  
Kelly Kesler, M.S., C.H.E.S. - LHIC Director, HCHD  
Amy Skaggs - LHIC Program Administrator, HCHD

**Access to Care Work Group**  
DeWayne Oberlander, M.B.A, M.P.H. - CEO, Columbia Medical Practice  
Sharon Hobson, R.N., M.S.N., C.R.N.P. - School Based Wellness Center Administrator, HCHD  
Vanessa Michel - LHIC Coordinator, HCHD

**Behavioral Health Work Group**  
Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, PhD, LCADC, LCPC, NCC, CRC. - Director, Bureau of Behavioral Health, HCHD  
Co-Chair - Vacant  
Vanessa Michel - LHIC Coordinator, HCHD



**Healthy Aging Work Group**  
Courtney Barkley, M.S. - Health and Wellness Division Manager Howard County Office on Aging and Independence  
Renee Bitner, R.N. - Adult Education and Review Services Program Supervisor, HCHD  
Rhonda Jenkins, M.S. - LHIC Coordinator, HCHD

**Healthy Weight Work Group**  
Kayla Kavoukas - Coordinator of Health and Wellness Programs, HCHD  
Co-Chair - Vacant  
Rhonda Jenkins, M.S. - LHIC Coordinator, HCHD



## 2016 Howard County LHIC Member Survey Highlights

- LHIC Purpose, Commitment and Collaboration
- LHIC Governance and Membership
- LHIC Meetings
- LHIC Communications


## Howard County LHIC

**Vision**  
All residents of Howard County will have access to health care and health outcomes will be equitable for all.

**Mission**  
Howard County's Local Health Improvement Coalition works to achieve health equity and to identify and reduce health disparities in Howard County.

**Values**


- Evidence-based
- All stakeholders have a voice
- Inclusive of Howard County's diverse community
- Collaboration
- Transparency

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## LHIC Priorities

**Current LHIC Priorities**  
In 2014, the LHIC selected four top priorities in its efforts to reduce disparities and improve outcomes from 2015-2017. These priorities were chosen with consideration of the following criteria:


- Size of affected populations and potential to reduce health disparities
- Potential to impact many different health outcomes
- Long-term impact and cost associated with NOT addressing
- Feasibility of action
- Measurability of outcomes

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### PRIORITY #1: INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.

**Current Work Group Priorities**


- Support efforts to decrease the language barrier in accessing care among Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents.
- Improve Howard County residents' access to comprehensive quality health care services, including medical homes, primary and specialty care, behavioral health care, oral health care, and pharmacy services.
- Increase % of Howard County residents covered by health insurance and increase awareness among residents about how to utilize insurance.
- Promote and enhance 211 as a resource for Howard County residents.

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### PRIORITY #2: ENABLE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT

**Current Work Group Priorities**


- Increase access to and consumption of healthy food and drinks.
- Increase access to participation in physical activity
- Create walkable/bikeable communities.
- Support education activities related to healthy living.
- Support implementation of HCPSS Wellness Policy 9090

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### PRIORITY #3: EXPAND ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND REDUCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES.


**Current Work Group Priorities**

- Support programs and activities working to expand access to behavioral health resources and reduce behavioral health emergencies.
- Increase Suicide prevention activities
- Support programs and activities working to reduce the number of drug and alcohol-related intoxication deaths (specifically: Opiates, Alcohol and Benzodiazepines).

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### PRIORITY #4: HEALTHY AGING

This Work Group convened in April, 2016. Current Work Group priorities are being established.

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From Strategies to Outcomes		
MONTH	LHIC ACTIVITY	QUARTERLY WORK GROUP IMPLEMENTATION GOALS
Jul	FULL LHIC- CANCELLED	
	Work Groups	
Aug	Work Groups	By September 30, 2016 (end of FY 17 Quarter 1), each of the 4 LHIC workgroups will establish one action item based on priorities from the FY 15-17 Action Plan to implement in FY17.
Sep	<b>FULL LHIC - September 22, 2016</b>	
	Work Groups/Action Groups	
Oct	Community Forum	
	Work Groups/Action Groups	By December 31, 2016 (end of FY 17 Quarter 2), each of the 4 LHIC Work Groups will establish outcome measures for the identified action item to be implemented in FY17.
Nov	Work Groups/Action Groups	
Dec	Work Groups	
Jan	<b>FULL LHIC - January 26, 2017</b>	By March 31, 2017 (end of FY 17 Quarter 3), each of the 4 LHIC workgroups will establish a timeline for completion of the action item to be implemented in FY17.
Feb	Work Groups/Action Groups	
Mar	Work Groups	
Apr	<b>FULL LHIC - April 27, 2017</b>	
May	Community Forum	By June 30, 2017 (end of FY 17 Quarter 4), each of the 4 LHIC Work Groups will have completed implementation of one action item in FY17.
	Work Groups	
Jun	<b>FULL LHIC with Work Group Outcomes presentation to FULL LHIC June 22, 2017</b>	

## SAVE THE DATE

The Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition  
Invites You To Attend

### Communities Transforming Healthcare in Howard County

Thursday, October 27, 2016  
8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Walter Latta Interfaith Center  
12421 Park Brown Road | Columbia, MD 21044

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or 410.321.4200

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**Topics will include:**

- Health Care Transformation - Advancing Health In America**
  - Rick Pollack, *President & CEO, American Hospital Association*
- Maryland's New Health Care System – Breath of Fresh Care**
  - Carmela Coyle, *President & CEO, Maryland Hospital Association*
  - Vincent DeMarco, *President, Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative*
- Howard County's Partnerships to Improve Health**
  - Dr. Elizabeth Edsall Kromm, *Vice-President, Population Health and Advancement, HCGH – Howard Health Partnership*
  - Vanda Lerdooon, *Director, Health Promotion Initiatives, HCHD – CAREAPP*
  - Dr. Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, *Director, Bureau of Behavioral Health, HCHD – Peer Recovery Overdose Prevention Program*
  - Sharon Hobson, *SBWC Administrator/Telemedicine Coordinator, HCHD – School-Based Wellness Centers*