



## Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Access to Care Work Group Meeting

11/21/2019 – 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Howard County Health Department

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Leslie Adams, Howard County Health Department	Jennifer Lee, HC Dept. of Community Resources and Services
Nicole Becerra, HC Dept. of Community Resources and Services	Vanda Lerdboon, Howard County Health Department
Tara Butler, Howard County General Hospital (via phone)	Maura Rossman, Howard County Health Department
Susan Camardese, Maryland Department of Health	Nette Stokes, JustLiving Advocacy, Inc.
Shanika Cooper, Howard County Health Department	Kerrie Wagaman, Howard County Public School System
Marsha Dawson, HC Local Children’s Board Wendy Farthing, MAC, Inc.	Jeffrey Wetstone, Community Member
Lois Joellenbeck, Howard County Health Department	Linda Zumbrun, Howard County Department of Social Services
Amy Kelly, Howard County Public School System	

#### Guests Present:

Erin Anderson, RN, MS, Community Health Nurse, Howard County Health Department

#### Staff Present:

Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Program Director  
 Seojin Kim, HCLHIC Program Coordinator  
 Rodney Oldham, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Kelly Kesler called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Participants and the new LHIC coordinators introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes and Announcements</b>	<p>Kelly Kesler reviewed the goals and agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Rodney Oldham provided a summary from the August 27, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Kelly Kesler asked for any corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jeffrey Wetstone and seconded by Nette Stokes.</p> <p>Kelly Kesler provided announcements and requested members share upcoming programs and activities.</p>	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting will be available one week prior to the next meeting date at <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</a>.</p> <p>Group members are encouraged to provide event information for inclusion on the HCLHIC website and to visit the site for information on upcoming events: <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>. To request an event be added to the HCLHIC</p>

- Jennifer Lee discussed the Age-Friendly Howard County Initiative and invited work group members to the launch event taking place on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am.
- Erin Anderson shared that in addition to the clinics shown in the announcement slides, another community flu clinic will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hope Bible Church. Wendy Farthing shared that the Maryland Department on Aging received a Dementia and Caregiving grant. She will be providing upcoming training opportunities for Powerful Tools for Caregivers in January, along with Dementia training as well. Additionally, another PEARLS training (depression program for older adults) will be offered at the end of January.

Shanika Cooper shared that open enrollment is still on-going until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Work Group members are encouraged to continue to share information about open enrollment with their stakeholders.

Community calendar contact [lhic@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:lhic@howardcountymd.gov).

A follow-up email was sent to work group members following the meeting with links and information including:

- [Stress Response and Resilience](#)
- [HCHD Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics](#)
- [Caregiver Support Program](#)
- [Advance Care Program](#)
- [Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior](#)
- [Repair Cafe](#)
- [Thrive By 5](#)
- [Bearing Witness to Racial Trauma](#)
- [MMWR Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#)
- [2019 Champions of Change Conference](#)

Coalition members who are interested in more information about the Age Friendly Howard County Initiative are encouraged to contact Jennifer Lee at [jlee@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jlee@howardcountymd.gov)

Coalition member are encouraged to learn about Age-Friendly Community at:

- [Age-Friendly Howard County Invitation](#)
- [2018 AARP Community Challenge: Avoca Iowa](#)
- [2018 Livable Communities Wed Plenary Innovation Showcase](#)
- [Driving Toward Age-Friendly Care for the Future](#)

Wendy Farthing will provide LHIC coordinator with upcoming training and program information to share with coalition members. Work group members may also contact her directly for more information about the MDOA grant at [wmf@macinc.org](mailto:wmf@macinc.org)



<p><b>Birth Outcomes and Health</b></p>	<p>Erin Anderson, Community Health Nurse for Howard County Health Department, presented data regarding Birth Outcomes and Health in Howard County.</p> <p>Ms. Anderson reviewed the 2017 annual report of Howard County data trends including: 1) 2018 Preliminary data, 2) 2017 Birth Statistics, 3) 2010-2017 fetal/infant death, 4) 2013-2017 premature birth, and 5) Perinatal Periods of Risk.</p> <p>Ms. Anderson also shared some of the key findings from the 2018 Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) committee’s focus group and the information regarding the future training to address Implicit Bias with providers and other community members.</p>	<p>Coalition members may contact Erin for more information at Erin Anderson:  <a href="mailto:eanderson@howardcountymd.gov">eanderson@howardcountymd.gov</a>              410-313-7543</p> <p>Coalition member are encouraged to learn about more information about the presentation at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2018 Infant Mortality Report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Other Birth/Death Related Reports from Other Years</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">2017 In-Depth Report</a></li> </ul> <p>LHIC will email more information about FIMR Training/Implicit Bias Discussions to Coalition member in the near future.</p>
<p><b>Action Item Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Implicit Bias Training</b></p>	<p>Coalition members discussed ways that implicit bias could have an impact on patients and service providers in the community. The role of the LHIC and work groups was discussed in regard to scalable and appropriate action items.</p> <p>Work group members discussed ways their organizations are working to address equity and implicit bias.</p> <p>Nette Stokes spoke about JustLiving Advocacy’s community outreach volunteers who went to various low-income communities in the County and held mini-resource fairs. She shared that participants stated that lack of knowledge of services offered, lack of access, lack of transportation and location of service providers were barriers identified as to why they don’t participate in care services.</p>	<p>Coalition member are encouraged to learn about more information about Implicit Bias at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Implicit  <a href="http://www.projectimplicit.net/index.html">http://www.projectimplicit.net/index.html</a></li> <li>• the IAT tool  <a href="https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/">https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/</a></li> </ul> <p>Kelly Kesler will connect Dr. Wetstone with Erin Anderson to discuss FIMR and Community Action Team Initiatives.</p> <p>LHIC staff will set up a meeting to discuss outreach efforts with JustLiving Advocacy through their volunteer initiatives.</p>
<p><b>MDH State Diabetes Plan - DRAFT</b></p>	<p>Kelly provided a brief overview of the Maryland Department of Health’s Diabetes Plan Draft</p>	<p>Members can review additional information regarding the drafted plan at <a href="https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/CCDPC/Pages/ccdpc_home.aspx">https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/CCDPC/Pages/ccdpc_home.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>Wrap Up and Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The work group meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.</p>	

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**Work Group**

March 26, 2020; 9:00 – 10:30am – Barton A&B

May 21, 2020; 9:00 – 10:30am – Barton A&B

**FULL HCLHIC**

January 30, 2020; 8:30 – 10:30am – TBD

April 30, 2020; 8:30 – 10:30am – TBD

June 25, 2020; 8:30 – 10:30am – Susquehanna Room

Respectfully submitted by  
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