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**Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition**  
 Access to Care Work Group Meeting  
 July 19, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
 Potomac Room

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Agnello Anthony, Community Member  
 Anne Brinker, Community Action Council  
 Tara Butler, Howard County General Hospital  
 Alyse Cooper, HCHD  
 Shanika Cooper, HCHD  
 Wendy Farthing, MAC Inc.  
 Hilary Gil, Howard Country General Hospital

Sharon Hobson, HCHD  
 Amity Lachowicz, ARI  
 DeWayne Oberlander, CMP  
 Maura Rossman, HCHD  
 Antigone Vickery, HCHD  
 Pamela Williams, Chase Brexton  
 Linda Zumbrun, HCDSS

**Guests Present:**

Samuel Stettler, Chase Brexton  
 Tiffany Tate, Maryland Partnership for Prevention

**Staff Present:**

Sharif Braxton, HCLHIC Program Coordinator  
 Mary Wahl, HCLHIC Program Manager  
 Lauren Williams, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Sharif Braxton called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.  Participants and guests introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes and Announcements</b>	Sharif Braxton shared that the work group meeting would be recorded for production of minutes.  Sharif Braxton provided a re-cap from the May 24, 2017 meeting and asked for any corrections to the minutes from that meeting. No edits or corrections were	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> .  Group members are encouraged to provide event information for inclusion on the HCLHIC website and to visit the site for information

	<p>submitted. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by DeWayne Oberlander and seconded by Sharon Hobson.</p> <p>Members were asked to share any announcements from their organizations.</p>	<p>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 Community calendar contact <a href="mailto:lhic@howardcountymd.gov">lhic@howardcountymd.gov</a>.</p> <p>Wendy Farthing from MAC Inc. shared that the organization recently completed a training to bring the Chronic Pain Self-Management Program to the Maryland Region west of the Eastern Shore. There were nine trainers trained and classes can now be offered in Howard County. For more information, contact Wendy Farthing at <a href="mailto:wmf@macinc.org">wmf@macinc.org</a></p> <p>Amity Lachowicz of ARI stated that the organization recently took on a contract for Benefits Counseling and has certified Benefits Counselors on staff. Counselors can advise individuals on work incentives they can receive, Social Security benefits (e.g. SSI and SSDI), etc. If any Coalition members have consumers that require assistance with benefits, they can be referred to ARI. You can reach out to Amity at <a href="mailto:alachowicz@arinow.org">alachowicz@arinow.org</a> for further details.</p> <p>Tara Butler shared that Journey to Better Health has their ongoing Chronic Disease Self-Management Program and Hypertension Program at various congregations in the County as well as at the Hospital Wellness Center. Classes are being offered year round, and this fiscal year, J2BH is working to make all classes free of charge. <a href="#">Visit their website for a schedule of their classes</a> and <a href="#">view their information page to learn about all their services</a>.</p>
<p><b>Delegate’s Report/ Ongoing Business</b></p>	<p>Sharif Braxton introduced the FY 18’ newly appointed Access to Care workgroup delegate, Shanika Cooper, as well as the</p>	

	<p>returning Elected Delegate, DeWayne Oberlander.</p> <p>Sharif Braxton additionally shared that the Health Department/LHIC received a grant from the State Oral Disease and Injury Prevention Program in the amount of \$12,500 to provide dental services and education to pregnant women and all adults that are under and/or uninsured in need of dental care. Chase Brexton will be the organization providing the dental care.</p> <p>DeWayne Oberlander shared the news that the State is in the final stages of the process to get approval for a CPC+ (Comprehensive Primary Care – Plus) program through CMS.</p>	<p>The LHIC will meet with Chase Brexton to discuss strategies for outreach, referral and service delivery. Please be on the lookout for correspondence with your respective organization in regards to how the program can be enhanced through your participation.</p> <p>In the next 4-6 weeks, it should be known if this approval was successful. At that time, DeWayne will report back to the group the results of this process and provide further details about program specifics and how this could be utilized by member organizations.</p>
<b>Strategic Planning Discussion:</b>	Tiffany Tate facilitated the discussion based on goals and objectives identified in the Strategic Planning Retreat held on May 2, 2017 and the Workgroup meeting May 24, 2017.	Coalition members voted on their tactic priorities and shared their insights on the strategic planning matrix. Updates will be sent out before the next Workgroup Meeting.
<b>Wrap Up and Adjournment</b>	<p>Sharif Braxton shared that the next workgroup meeting will be held off-site at the Community Action Council for a tour of the food bank. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP <a href="#">here</a> so that CAC knows how many visitors to expect.</p> <p>The work group meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.</p>	

**Work Group**

- August 16, 2017 9:00-10:30 am Community Action Council, 9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J, Columbia, MD 21046
- October 18, 2017 9:00-10:30 am Barton A&B

**FULL HCLHIC**

- September 28, 2017 8:30-10:30 am Susquehanna *\*Please note this is a revised date*
- January 25, 2018 8:30-10:30 am Susquehanna *\*Tentative Location*

Respectfully submitted by  
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