

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
May 28, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.
Potomac Room

Members Present:

Elena Acs, Grassroots
Bob Anantua, Build Haiti Foundation
Mary Ann Barry, Transition Howard County
Dennis Bower, Walgreens
Jason Brown, Walgreens
Maria Carunungan, HC Health Department
Liz Clark, Healthy Howard
Melissa Clark, Evergreen Health Care
Marsha Dawson, HC Dept. of Citizen Services
Brian England, British American Auto Care
Liddy Garcia-Buñuel, Healthy Howard
Ronna Gotthainer, HC Health Department
Kate Harton, Healthy Howard
Ruth Heltne, Y of Central Maryland
Peggy Hoffman, HC Dept. of Citizen Services
Brian Jolles, We Promote Health
Stu Kohn, HC Citizens Association
Elizabeth Kromm, HC General Hospital
Monica Lewis, Healthy Howard

Christine Lothen-Kline, Health Promo On Call
Brian Mattingly, Healthy Howard
Kelly McMillan, Howard Community College
Rosimar Melendez, Horizon Foundation
Elizabeth Menachery, HC Health Department
Andrew Monjan, Transition Howard County
Patricia Omaña, Healthy Howard
Felicia Pailen, HC Health Department
Shawni Paraska, Columbia Association
Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, HC Health Depart.
Maura Rossman, HC Health Department
Glenn Schneider, Horizon Foundation
Kate Schulz, United Way of Central Maryland
Phyllis Smelkinson, Healthy Howard
Steven Snelgrove, HC General Hospital
Arleen Tate, Delta Sigma Theta
Barbara Wasserman, Community Member
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree
Linda Zumbrun, HC Dept. of Social Services

Guests present:

Carl DeLorenzo, HC Administration
Sylvia Maldonado, FIRN/MOTA
Tamara Moore, United Way of Central MD
Kyla Mor, Johns Hopkins Health Care
Deb Piez, Mental Health Authority

Diana Rivera, FIRN/MOTA
Fariborz Zarfeshan, ALFA Specialty Pharmacy
Kimberly Zisman, HCHD WIC

Staff Present:

Alvaro Ortiz, LHIC Program Manager
Jeananne Sciabarra, LHIC Program Director

Caryssa Thomas, CCT Admin. Assistant

Meeting Minutes:

Maura Rossman, LHIC Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 8:35.

1. Announcements:

- Behavioral Health Task Force Recommendations:
 - Healthy Howard to implement one, by introducing a Licensed Social Worker as part of the Community Care Team.
 - Hiring starting on 7/1, will be working closely with Way Station and others to focus on behavioral health issues and concerns being addressed by the Community Care Team.
- LHIC Website:
 - Viewed “sneak preview” of website.
 - Still in need of some logos from LHIC members.

- Logos will be linked to organization sites.
- LHIC Member Announcements:
 - Get Active Howard County – Brian Jolles:
 - Met million minutes goal for the year, triple the number of minutes from last year.
 - Family Wellness Day will be held on Sunday 6/7.
 - HCHD Behavioral Health – Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy:
 - Overdose response training to be held Monday 6/8.
 - Trauma Informed Care training to be held from 9-4 on Wednesday 6/10.
 - Verbal de-escalation of agitation training to be held from 11-4 on Wednesday 7/29.
 - Office on Aging – Peggy Hoffman:
 - Older Adult Master Plan is now with the office of Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman, waiting on feedback from office to get adult master plan up and running. Then Healthy Aging work group will be formed.
 - Transition Howard County – Mary Ann Barry:
 - Whole Foods hosting a summer shape up - Monday 6/15 – Sunday 6/28, will have discussions on plant based eating, kitchen instruction, and community support.
 - Prizes will be offered.
 - Howard County Health Department/Healthy Howard – Maura Rossman:
 - Famer’s market to be held on Ascend One lot, Mondays from 11-3.
 - Focus on chronic disease prevention, beginning with a faith-based imitative based on the “Memphis Model.”
- 2. HSCRC Planning Grant (Elizabeth Kromm):
 - New grant awarded to HCGH to focus on Population Health.
 - HCGH received \$200,000 to build a Population Health model.
 - Particularly interested in Medicare high utilizers, but plan to consider the entire population.
 - Main take-aways:
 - LHIC main integrator in terms of population health data and overall shared goals.
 - Need for good data and analytics.
 - Steering Committee will provide general vision - reports to the LHIC.
 - Operation Committee will build model.
 - Facilitating committee will build recommendations based on sub-committees to look at financial stability.
 - Analytics evaluation sub-committee will be run by Hopkins Health care program managing.
 - Facilitation committee will map out what needs to be done.
 - Cores:
 - Community Link to Care.
 - Facility Transitions.
 - Social Needs.
 - Mental and Behavioral Health.
 - Pharmacy.
 - Primary to Specialty Care.

- Timeline and Deliverables:
 - 9/1 - interim report due to HSCRC
 - 12/1 - final plan due.
 - Next Steps:
 - Steering Committee Meeting 6/5.
 - Schedule operating committee kickoff.
 - Set meeting schedule for cores and subcommittees.
3. HCHAS Results (Felicia Pailen)
- Highlights improvements from 2012-2014
 - Decreased rate of uninsured in HC
 - Fewer residents exposed to second-hand smoke
 - Access to Care:
 - Tracked uninsured rate by age and gender.
 - Chronic disease:
 - Majority of county residents with hypertension are taking medications to improve their health.
 - Healthy Weight:
 - County as a whole is doing well with exercise.
 - Improved upon sugary beverage intake, especially among children.
 - County residents report getting 1-2 servings of fruits and vegetables per day.
 - Behavioral Health:
 - Tracked stress levels by race and ethnicity.
 - Healthy Aging:
 - 95% of residents aged 50-65 are insured.
 - Majority don't smoke.
 - Survey Results Availability:
 - Hoping to have survey results available for viewing within the next week or so.
 - Goal is for all to be able to use data and share county wide.
4. CB 17-2015 (Glenn Schneider):
- Goals of Bill:
 - Preserves and increases adult choices.
 - Encourages healthy choices -price discount on healthier drinks.
 - Protects children and gives parents healthy options.
 - Makes reasonable exceptions.
 - Discussion:
 - There was concern expressed about the cost of implementing the bill, particularly the cost of providing water at county-sponsored events. There was disagreement about whether the bill required "bottled water" be provided or just "water," which would be significantly less expensive.
 - Concern was also expressed about the requirements regarding analytics and oversight placed on the Health Department by the bill.
 - There was a suggestion to modify the draft letter to note the LHIC's concerns about the bottled water and the HCHD requirements.
 - Vote:
 - Of the 34 voting members, 18 were present; thus a quorum was established.
 - With a requirement of 2/3 of members present voting in favor to pass a motion, the number of votes to pass was determined to be 12.

- There was a motion to approve the letter of support, with the modifications noted. The motion was seconded.
- The votes were counted as follows:
 - 14 in favor
 - 1 opposed
 - 3 abstentions
- LHIC staff will send edited letter to full LHIC for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caryssa Thomas
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Healthy Howard, Inc.