

## Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Access to Care Work Group Meeting  
February 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Barton A&B

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Leslie Adams, HC Health Department	Pat Gussio, Health Care Access Maryland
Nicole Becerra, HC Office on Aging and Independence	Jennifer Lee, HC Office on Aging and Independence
Tara Butler, Howard County General Hospital	Vanda Lerdboon, HC Health Department
Shanika Cooper, HC Health Department	Aisha Masood, Community Member
Alyse Cooper, HC Health Department	Samuel Nokuri, Premier Health Express

#### Guests Present:

Mary Backley, Maryland Dental Action Coalition  
Michelle Beadle-Holder, Food at the Center  
Kweli Carson, Advanced Root Canal Specialists if Howard County  
Carrie Embrey, Howard County General Hospital

#### Staff Present:

Sharif Braxton, HC Local Health Improvement Coalition Program Coordinator  
Reena Rambharat, HC Local Health Improvement Program Coordinator  
Kelly Kesler, HC Local Health Improvement Director

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Sharif Braxton called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Mr. Braxton shared that the meeting would be recorded for use in producing minutes.  Participants and guests introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes and Announcements</b>	Work group members shared announcements about upcoming programs and activities.  Alyse Cooper shared that the Maryland Department of Health and the American Cancer Society are holding the 2019 Maryland Colorectal Cancer Symposium. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Additional information can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	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

	<p>Alyse Cooper also shared that Howard County Health Department was one of four County Health Departments to receive a State grant to increase community colorectal cancer screening. The Health Department will partner with Ellicott City Primary Care for the grant.</p>	<p>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 Community calendar contact <a href="mailto:lhic@howardcountymd.gov">lhic@howardcountymd.gov</a>.</p> <p>A follow-up email was sent to work group members following the meeting with links and information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Diabetes Care Classes from Giant®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs (Diabetes, Hypertension, Pain)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Incorporating Advance Care Planning into Health Care Settings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Building Provider Capacity to Screen, Test, and Refer Disparate Populations with Prediabetes Grant Opportunity</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Baltimore Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic and Resource Fair</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Review of FY 19 Midpoint Data and Mapping.</b></p>	<p>Sharif Braxton reported the midpoint strategic plan outcomes for Chronic Disease Self-Management Education . It was noted that at the mid-point of the three-year plan participation to capacity in CDSME courses had increased by 25.5%.</p> <p>Mr. Braxton provided drafted updates to the 2018 HCHAS data related to diabetes and hypertension prevalence geographically and across various demographics.</p>	<p>Slides from the meeting along with supporting materials are available in the meeting portal:  <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</a></p>
<p><b>Review of Dental Objectives and Progress</b></p>	<p>Kelly Kesler informed the group that in December, the Health Officer attended a meeting of the Howard County Dental Association. At this meeting, Dr. Rossman shared with the dental providers the HCLHIC dental objectives within the strategic plan as well as invited them to serve on an Advisory Group</p>	<p>Slides from the meeting along with supporting materials are available in the meeting portal:  <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</a></p>

	<p>of dental providers. Ms. Kesler shared that, from this presentation, 3 dental providers have thus far agreed to be a part of the Advisory Group.</p> <p>Sharif Braxton shared data provided by the Maryland Dental Action Coalition on Emergency Department visits and associated costs for chronic dental conditions in the various zip codes of Howard County.</p>	
<b>Presentation: Maryland Dental Action Coalition</b>	<p>Mary Backley, CEO of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition presented the history, growth and priorities of MDAC to the work group. Ms. Backley discussed successes that the MDAC has seen, current challenges being faced and ways in which the work group can contribute to moving the needle towards improved dental access for children and adults. Suggested support included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Medicaid Adult Dental – letters to representatives and editors of local papers</li> <li>• Waiver Program: Encourage provider participation</li> <li>• Waiver Program: Conduct outreach to support programs in the county that serve adults with special needs (social service organizations, residential facilities, parents/caregivers of adults with special needs; high schools with transition services)</li> <li>• Maryland Oral Health Plan 2018-2023: Disseminate among colleagues, include oral health in health programming</li> <li>• Volunteer to serve on boards/panels where broad perspectives are needed.</li> </ul>	<p>Targeted follow-up with strategic work group members will be initiated by the Program Coordinator. Work group members are also encouraged to reach out to HCHLIC staff if they wish to offer support in any of the above areas. Members can reach Program Coordinator at: <a href="mailto:sbraxton@howardcountymd.gov">sbraxton@howardcountymd.gov</a></p>
<b>Wrap Up and Adjournment</b>	The work group meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am	

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**Work Group**

May Work Group date, time and format TBD

**FULL HCLHIC**

April 25, 2019; 8:30 am – 10:30 am Potomac/Severn

June 27, 2019; 8:30 am – 10:30 am (TBD)

Respectfully submitted by  
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