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**COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)
Thursday, January 18, 2024
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Daniel Coulter, Aaron Wright, Emilie Marcinko, Emily Armington, Catherine Maybury, Jackie Hartman, Jason Ricke, Jen Padgett, John Ness, Karen Deaver, Ken Collins, Lauren Levy, Lily Hilferty, Lisa Fields, Mary Gamble, Mike Brandon, Dr. Henry Farkas, Dr. Jim Ziccardi, Mike Massuli, Patrice Tucker, Sarah Linden, Sheelagh Stewart, Sheri Lazarus, Sheryl White, TinaMarie Brown, Shelly Sawyer, Barb Smith, Marianne Redding, Gwen Parrack, Terri Gentry, Beth Creek,

Topic	Discussion / Decision	Further Action Required
Welcome & Introductions	Dan Coulter, Deputy Health Officer- Operations for Cecil County Health Department (CCHD), opened the meeting. A brief overview of the agenda was given and introductions were made.	
Building a Healthier Maryland Presentation,]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Linden, Maryland Department of Health, presented on the Building a Healthier Maryland Initiative that includes a State Health Assessment & State Health Improvement Plan. • Six major categories of data are being reviewed: demographics (including social determinants of health), health overview (morbidity and mortality data), women’s health, behavioral health, violence, and chronic disease. • As part of the assessment a community survey is being conducted. There have been about 100 responses from Cecil County residents and the BAHM team requests LHIC members help in pushing out the survey. • All LHIC members are asked to complete a Public Health System Assessment for their organization. • LHIC representatives are being invited to participate on the steering committee for the SHIP. • LHICS will receive county specific data and can expect assistance moving forward. 	Please see Presentation
Maryland’s Consumer Health Information Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Maybury, PhD, MPH, UMD Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, presented on Maryland’s Consumer Health Information Hub • Law passed in 2022 (HB1082) established the HUB 	Please see Presentation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requires state & local agencies to use plain language, promotes language access, and recognizes health literacy as critical. ○ The Hub offers certifications, best practice guides, training & educational sessions, templates & model language and reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Website review tools ■ CHW training ■ Professional development 	
LHIC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan Coulter presented LHIC updates including two RFP Postings for a Health Equity Assessment for Cecil County and Behavioral Health Needs Assessment & Landscape Analysis for Cecil County. RFPs are posted on the Health Department’s website and close by the first week of February. ▪ Lauren Levy announced the Health Department’s intention to issue an RFP for community investment grants to Cecil County organizations to address community health priorities and social determinants of health. 	
Task Force Updates & Public Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representatives from the Behavioral Health Council, Cancer Task Force, Healthy Lifestyles Task Force, Tobacco Task Force provided updates on their activities. ▪ Flyers for upcoming health promotion programs will be sent via email. 	See Task Force Reports
Next CHAC Meeting		Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:30 p.m.