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**COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)
Thursday, January 17, 2019
4:30 p.m.**

Topic	Discussion / Decision	Further Action Required
Welcome & Introductions	Dan Coulter, Director of Health Planning for Cecil County Health Department (CCHD) opened the meeting. He also introduced his CHAC co-chair, Jean-Marie Kelly, Community Benefits Coordinator for Union Hospital (UH). A brief overview of the agenda was given.	
FY18 – FY19 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We were reminded that the purpose of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is to examine the health status of the residents in Cecil County and identify health issues and the assets that are available to address them ▪ Primary and secondary data was collected ▪ As part of the strategic planning portion of the project, we then use this information as the basis for our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). It will identify our health priorities and some possible strategies we can utilize ▪ We look at local, state, and national data and we identify our strengths and weaknesses ▪ Primary Data included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CHNA Survey (available online or via hard copy) ○ Focus Groups comprised of vulnerable populations ○ Key Informant Interviews ▪ Secondary data was reviewed and top issues were identified (for example: U.S. Census data, MD Vital Statistics, county health rankings, etc.) 	
Overview of CHNA Respondents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey was completed by 1,403 citizens ▪ Majority lived in Elkton, North East, or Rising Sun zip codes ▪ Majority were in the 45 – 54 year old age bracket ▪ Respondents judged their own health more favorably than that of the community in general ▪ Many people feel that we do not have enough mental health and substance abuse providers ▪ Focus groups were representative of those who encounter health disparities, as well as those who are homeless, older, low income, and veterans (disabled and /or homeless) 	

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<p>Selection of Health Priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) & Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The participants were told that each one would be asked to cast three votes for the issues that they felt were ones we should address during our next CHIP cycle ▪ All were shown a list of criteria to use when deciding how to vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feasibility of our potential impact is important to consider ▪ The top 15 health issues (as determined by the CHNA) were displayed and then each participant cast their three votes ▪ Our voting results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substance Abuse 21 Votes ○ Mental Health 17 Votes ○ Access to Health Services 9 Votes ○ Childhood Trauma 9 Votes ○ Dental Health 8 Votes ○ Homelessness 7 Votes ○ Cancer 6 Votes ○ Obesity 5 Votes ○ Poverty 1 Vote ○ Diabetes 1 Vote ○ Affordable Housing ----- ○ Child Abuse and Neglect ----- ○ Violent Crime ----- ○ Unemployment ----- ○ Educational Attainment ----- ▪ A follow-up survey will be sent to members that could not be in attendance. Topics receiving both community and CHAC support will then be reviewed by the CHNA steering committee to determine the final priorities ▪ Once the final priorities are announced, each participant is urged to join one or more of the workgroups 	
<p>Task Force Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council 	<p>Virgil Boysaw, Jr. (CCHD / DFC Coordinator) gave a brief update re: Drug Free Communities (DFC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting ready to roll out a new youth coalition ▪ Nine of our youth plan to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America on Capitol Hill during the second week of February 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health Core Service Agency 	<p>No announcements were made.</p>	

Advisory Committee		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healthy Lifestyles Task Force 	No announcements were made.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancer Task Force 	No announcements were made.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tobacco Task Force 	<p>Jennifer Padgett (Community Health Educator for CCHD's Division of Health Promotion) made an announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Tobacco Task Force has partnered with Drug Free Communities Coalition to present a program that is open to all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation will be on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legalization of Marijuana • Vaping • Juul ○ Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in our auditorium 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cecil County Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness 	<p>Gwen Parrack (Director of Special Populations Division at CCHD) gave a council update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Coalition for Affordable Housing is in the process of forming a small furniture bank ▪ Anyone with a need, or those who wish to donate an item or volunteer their time should contact Mark Koster at: ccah.homes@gmail.com 	
Community Updates and Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our Local Management Board will be hosting community forums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Re-envisioning the United Way" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the United Way is now; What the United Way could be ○ Will discuss the needs in Cecil County 	
Next CHAC Meeting		Thursday, July 18, 2019 4:30 p.m.