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**COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)
Thursday, January 21, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

Topic	Discussion / Decision	Further Action Required																		
Welcome & Introductions	Stephanie Garrity (Cecil County Health Officer) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then turned the meeting over to the CHAC co-chairs; Jean-Marie Donahoo from Union Hospital (UH), and Dan Coulter from the Cecil County Health Dept. (CCHD)																			
Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Findings	<p>The group reviewed the purpose of the CHNA and the methods that were used to conduct it. (Please see attachment.)</p> <p>After the group had a chance to review the findings, Dan and Jean-Marie explained the voting criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Although people typically want to go with their “gut instinct”, the group was urged to carefully review the data before making a decision ▪ Each attendee was then able to cast three votes for the categories that they deemed to be our top priorities 	CHNA Findings & Selection of Health Priorities																		
Selection of Health Priorities for 2016 - 2019	<p>Votes were tallied and totals were as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>▪ Access to Care</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Behavioral Health</td><td style="text-align: right;">39</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Chronic Disease</td><td style="text-align: right;">30</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Communicable Disease</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Determinants of Health</td><td style="text-align: right;">24</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Environmental Health</td><td style="text-align: right;">2</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Injury</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Reproductive Health</td><td style="text-align: right;">2</td></tr> <tr><td>▪ Violence</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td></tr> </table> <p>The group then broke into three small sub-groups based on interest and/or expertise. Each sub-group focused on one of the three top priorities (Behavioral Health, Chronic Disease, and Determinants of Health)</p> <p>Sub-groups were given time to discuss the different objectives and decide on a maximum of three (again keeping in mind which objectives are actually actionable)</p>	▪ Access to Care	15	▪ Behavioral Health	39	▪ Chronic Disease	30	▪ Communicable Disease	0	▪ Determinants of Health	24	▪ Environmental Health	2	▪ Injury	1	▪ Reproductive Health	2	▪ Violence	15	
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	<p>Objectives were selected as follows:</p> <p>Behavioral Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illicit Drug Use / Problem Alcohol Use ▪ Mental Health ▪ Access to Behavioral Health Care <p>Chronic Disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diabetes ▪ Heart Disease and Stroke ▪ Respiratory / Lung Diseases <p>Determinants of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homelessness ▪ Educational Attainment 	
<p>Task Force Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council 	<p>John Bennett (Chairperson, DAAC) gave a brief update on the Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council (DAAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recovery Centers of America has purchased Graceville Hall in Earleville, MD. They have submitted an application to establish an Intermediate Care Facility. They wish to have 21 in-patient detoxification beds; however, they requested that the MD Health Care Commission dedicate two of those beds as “charity care” beds available only to Cecil County residents. ▪ Mr. Bennett made a motion to send a letter of support for this Certificate of Need Application. Ken Collins seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the group then passed the motion. ▪ Father Martins Ashley recently rented a facility on North Street from Union Hospital. Renovations will take approximately two weeks to complete. Outpatient services are scheduled to begin in mid-April. 	<p>DAAC Letter of Support for Intermediate Care Facility</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Maltreatment Task Force 	<p>Jean-Marie Donahoo (Co-Chair of CHAC & Community Benefits Coordinator for UH) gave an update for the Child Maltreatment Task Force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In planning stages for April’s Pinwheels for Prevention events (will run for the entire month) ▪ Last year’s pinwheel gardens were centered around Elkton; this year, they will be spread throughout Cecil County ▪ Pinwheels have already been purchased ▪ Trying to identify which organizations will be “hosting” the gardens 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Committee 	<p>Gwen Parrack (Director of Special Populations Services at CCHD) gave a brief update. Carol Masden (Affiliated Santé) spoke about the Crisis Intervention Team.</p> <p>Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have done outreach with law enforcement ▪ New full-time coordinator (half time in Cecil County) ▪ May partner with Harford County to leverage resources 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coverage in Cecil County is now 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ▪ Have been dispatched 291 times since 7/1/15 ▪ Diverted 90 people from the Emergency Dept. at UH ▪ Possible savings for this fiscal year - \$197,010 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancer Task Force 	<p>Robin Waddell (Deputy Health Officer for CCHD) gave a brief update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lung Cancer Screening was implemented at UH in January ▪ Major issue in Cecil County ▪ Brochures are available 	Lung Cancer Screening Brochure
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A secondary CHAC meeting will be scheduled. Watch for an email in the near future. At this meeting, the objectives will be broken down into goals. ▪ Project Homeless Connection (Harford County Event) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 26, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. ○ 1918 Pulaski Highway Edgewood, MD 21040 ○ Can access services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates • Cell phones • Energy Assistance • Showers • Clean clothes • Dental services • Hairdressing services • Housing info • Job force info ▪ Point-in-Time Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 26 (12:00 p.m.) through January 27 (12:00 p.m.) ○ Teams will attempt to count homeless individuals in Cecil County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Walmart • Paris Foundation • Merina Park ○ Coffee, doughnuts, and hoodies will be provided 	<p>Watch for announcement of follow-up meeting</p>
Next CHAC Meeting		<p>Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:30 p.m.</p>