



**Cancer Task Force Report  
Cecil County Community Health Advisory Committee  
January 15, 2015**

| <b>State Health Improvement Plan Measure (County Base Source)</b>           | <b>County 2007-2009</b> | <b>County 2008-2010</b> | <b>County 2009-2011</b> | <b>Maryland 2011</b> | <b>MD 2014 Goal</b> | <b>Healthy People 2020 Goal</b> |
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| Rate of cancer deaths per 100,000 population (age adjusted) (VSA 2009-2011) | 220.2                   | 206.0                   | 196.7                   | 165.7                | 169.2               | 160.6                           |

**Updates from the November 14, 2014 Cancer Task Force meeting:**

**Union Hospital**

- Beth Money, Cancer Program Manager at Union Hospital (UHCC) reported that 57 men were screened for prostate cancer in September with 23% minority participation. Beth accepted the position of Chairperson for the Cancer Task Force for the remainder of FY15.
- Dr. Henry Schoonyong, who is Board Certified in general and colorectal surgery, presented an overview and statistics on colorectal cancer and different methods of treatment. Treatments included chemotherapy, radiation and both conventional and new less invasive colon resection options, now offered at UHCC.
- Tracy Anderson, Nurse Manager of the Breast Health Center, announced that the center now has a new 3-D mammography, breast tomosynthesis equipment, which improves specificity of breast screening. The October 11, 2014 Race for the Ribbon was held to benefit the Breast Health Center.

**Senior Services and Community Transit**

- Eileen Ondra, Aging and Disability Resource Manager and Carina Domingo, Senior Information Specialist, gave a presentation on agency services. Services include assistance with: transportation, taxi vouchers, health insurance applications, housing, utility bills, hot meals, home delivered meals, medication, medical supply and equipment acquisition, care giving services, legal aid, connecting individuals with health education and fitness classes, long term ombudsmen services, and Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Center.

**Cecil County Health Department**

- Jerri Longacre, Administrative Case Manager for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, requested the task force change program eligibility criteria to include both Medicare A and B; since other eligible insured individuals are assisted with co-pays and

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deductibles. The change was approved at the November 2014 task force meeting. Members were requested to refer eligible Maryland residents to the program.

- Brenda Sochurek, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program Coordinator, encouraged task force members to refer uninsured and underinsured women with deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays to the screening program.
- Teresa England, Patient Navigation Program, stated that patient navigation services are continuing at one provider site. All clients are assisted to access breast, cervical and/or colorectal cancer screening.
- Lyndsey Merrill, Small Media Provider Pilot Program, continues to work with 4 primary care providers and one federally qualified health center to increase colorectal cancer screening recommendations. To date, 3 of the 5 sites have recommendation rates above 90%. For FY15 the program is focusing on the 2 provider sites that are below the 90% rate. Support and resources will be available at all 5 sites and participating sites will be encouraged to provide education on cancer screening and to follow-up on screening results.

The next Cancer Task Force meeting will be held on March 13, 2015 at 12 p.m.