



COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)
Thursday, January 16, 2020
4:30 - 6:00 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. A brief overview of the agenda was given and introductions were made.	
Health Literacy Presentation & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anna Shao, Program Coordinator at the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, University of Maryland School of Public Health presented on the importance of health literacy, best practices for population health and available tools to incorporate health literacy in our work ▪ The Horowitz Center works in three areas: research, education and service. As part of the Health Literacy Maryland initiative Horowitz Center Staff are visiting each LHIC in Maryland to understand the health literacy needs of local jurisdictions. The Horowitz Center is working with Prince George’s County on PreventionLink, an initiative focused on diabetes and heart disease prevention. The HealthyMe/MiSalud app was developed for disease prevention and health promotion. ▪ Health literacy issues in Cecil County were discussed including residents use of the internet to receive health information and the value of getting accurate information from a trusted source out there; the perceived time commitment to implement health literacy in program design and everyday work; how to engage organizational leadership in making health literacy a priority. ▪ All participants were invited to the Health Literacy in Action Conference on October 18-20, 2020. Go to http://bit.ly/ConfList2 to join the mailing list for conference updates. 	Please see attachment

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<p>MD Diabetes Action Plan & LHIC Funding Opportunity Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan Coulter presented on Maryland’s Diabetes Action Plan for 2019-2024. This is a major initiative for the State. The plan details strategies to help: Maintain the healthy weight population; Reduce overweight and obesity; Reduce risk for prediabetes and gestational diabetes; and Manage diabetes and diabetes complications. ▪ An overview of diabetes, the burden of diabetes in Cecil County, the action plan framework and action plan strategies was provided. ▪ The MD Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) is making funding available for LHICs to develop a Diabetes Initiative to address one of the four intervention areas of the plan. To receive funding, Diabetes must be elevated as a priority of the LHIC. ▪ A discussion of how this would be implemented occurred. Dan described that the Healthy Lifestyles Task Force would work on developing Cecil County’s action plan. ▪ Dan asked if there were any objections to including Diabetes as a fourth priority in our Community Health Improvement Plan. There were no objections from CHAC attendees. 	
<p>Task Force Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council (DAAC) 	<p>John Bennett gave a brief update regarding DAAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<p>Please see attachment for complete report</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Committee 	<p>Tahia Jones (CCHD) gave a brief update.</p>	<p>Please see attachment for complete report</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancer Task Force 	<p>Dan Coulter (CCHD) provided a brief task force update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have seen a pretty steady number of patients receiving low-dose CT screenings for lung cancer at Union Hospital. The program is showing an improvement in diagnosing stage I and II cancers and a reduction in stage IV cancers. ▪ The cancer task force is focusing on raising awareness for lung cancer prevention in order to reduce stigma related to risk factors 	<p>Please see attachment for complete report</p>

	<p>contributing to lung cancer and promoting the use of self-screening tools in the community for low-dose CT lung cancer screening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Health Department's cancer screening programs continue to collaborate with Dr. Weidner's Wednesday Hispanic Clinic to enroll clients in cancer screening programs. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tobacco Task Force 	Jennifer Padgett (CCHD) provided a brief task force update.	Please see attachment for complete report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Childhood Trauma 	<p>Dan Coulter gave a brief update on the Health Department's implementation of the Healthy Families America (HFA) program.</p> <p>Jan Brewer, Executive Director of Cecil County's Local Management Board, provided an update on LMB Trauma Committee activities.</p> <p>Tech.Support@multistatep4p.com</p>	Please see attachment for complete report
Community Updates and Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Cecil County Harmony (Harm-Reduction) Advisory Council is holding an open meeting on Thursday, January 23 at 3:30 pm in the Health Department Auditorium. All are invited to attend. ▪ Drug Free Cecil meets on Tuesday, January 28 at 3:30 pm at the County Building. ▪ Spots are open for a Diabetes Prevention Program beginning on January 24 at the Health Department. Call 410-996-5168 for details. 	
Next CHAC Meeting		Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:30 p.m.