



COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAC)
Thursday, January 21, 2021
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. Attendees consented to the recording of the meeting for note taking purposes.	
Presentation- Coronavirus Disease Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan Coulter provided an update on COVID-19 statistics in Cecil County as well as updates on COVID-19 testing, vaccination effort, volunteer opportunities, and communications ▪ CCHD Offers free COVID-19 testing Monday, Wednesday and Friday and has purchased 10,000 at-home test kits to supplement in person testing efforts. The Health Department is working on a plan to expand testing access by offering these kits through the Health Department and at provider offices. ▪ Maryland is currently in Phase 1B of vaccination efforts and will begin Phase 1C on January 25. The Health Department created an eligibility pre-screening form for all individuals in Phase 1 and is currently prioritizing those ages 75+ due to limited vaccine supply. ▪ Discussed vaccination capacity, efforts to date, and challenges including the overwhelming demand for limited supply of vaccine, the computer literacy of the current target population and vaccine hesitancy. ▪ The Health Department is soliciting both clinical and non-clinical volunteers. ▪ The Health Department has a COVID-19 hotline (410-996-1005) as well as a dedicated email cecilcovid.vaccineinfo@maryland.gov to answer residents' questions. ▪ A new website has been launched and a public health app is in development. ▪ Communications key messages were discussed ▪ Lauren Levy thanked the many partners involved in vaccination efforts ▪ How is the Health Department reaching those that are unable to come to the Health Department to get vaccinated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offering clinics throughout the county ○ Mobile units sent out to home bound individuals 	Please see attachment

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HEALTH PROMOTION.....410-996-5168
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does phase 1B include homeless shelters? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, that would be considered a congregate living facility 	
<p>Presentation- Maryland Community Health Resources Commission LHIC Grant Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan Coulter provided an update on projects funded by CHRC LHIC grants for Diabetes projects. ▪ A consultant will be hired to lead the Health Department and CHAC in establishing a 501 (c)(3) ▪ CCHD has been working with the University of Maryland's Horowitz Center or Health Literacy to develop and RFP for a consultant to conduct a Health Literacy Needs Assessment. ▪ A plan would then be developed to address areas of need and worked on by the Healthy Lifestyles Task Force. ▪ JHow long is the funding Cycle to fund the non-profit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No funds specifically to fund the non-profit. Funding to hire consultant to establish non-profit. Would need additional local funding to support. ▪ Is there any way to measure health literacy in primary care in the county? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It would be great to include primary care offices in the assessment and develop some strategies for patient population based on assessment ▪ Project end date is October 2021. 	
<p>Task Force Updates:</p>	<p>Jennifer Padgett gave an update for the Tobacco Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Todd Creek of Sherriff's Office new chair person. He brings a lot of experience in enforcement. Acknowledged the work of departing chair, Beth Creek • Epiphany brought in as a partner to measure system changes, policy changes, environmental changes. • New logic model in-line with Drug Free Cecil Youth Coalition. Youth developed a new logic model at CADCA. • New legislation moving tobacco out of district court to Liquor Board. This is a win-win for all involved. <p>Lynette Stupi provided updates for the Healthy Lifestyles Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on activities in support of CHRC funded initiative to increase access to diabetes prevention and management services. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create and promote nutritional messaging ○ Create and promote Cecil County diabetes resource findhelp.org ○ Plan a healthy lifestyles assistance program to reduce barriers <p>Ken Collins provided updates for the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a joint meeting with Core Service Agency Advisory Council. Working towards Behavioral Health Integration and development of one Behavioral Health Advisory Council. This will reduce duplication and ultimately improve lives of Cecil County families. • CATCH- Cecil Addiction Treatment Coordination Hotline 443-245-3257. Collaborative project between CCHD, Voices of Hope and 	

	<p>behavioral health providers. 24/7 hotline for those with behavioral health conditions to provide information, help navigate and get them into care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Turke, Voices of Hope spoke about the initial success of the CATCH program • 396 people connected to behavioral health treatment to date <p>Shelly Gulledge shared an update from the Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant hired in March 2020 to identify goals and recommendations towards integration. Rollover funding secured to continue with consultants integration efforts 	
<p>Community Updates and Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homeless population has many needs including substance use and smoking cessation and lack of primary care physicians. Want to bring more resources into the homeless shelters. ▪ Dr. James Ziccardi via chat- We all need to remember to continue with our general health care during the pandemic. ▪ 	
<p>Next CHAC Meeting</p>		<p>Thursday, July 15, 2021 4:30 p.m.</p>