



Local Health Improvement Coalition Minutes
Baltimore County Department of Health 6401
York Road, Third Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21212



December 7, 2022 | 3PM WEBEX

Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Leister and Ms. Culbertson welcomed members to the meeting and asked that introductions be saved towards the end of the meeting.

Resource Directory Review

Ms. Brown, Deputy Director of Baltimore County Department of Aging reported a Community Resource Directory is published annually in partnership with Baltimore City. The directory is posted in senior centers and housing, libraries, and included in Baltimore County and Baltimore City resources for seniors and persons with disabilities. The goal is to have the directory translated into different languages. This can be lengthy and over 100 pages.

Mr. Askew, President and CEO of 2-1-1 introduced himself and continued the discussion. 2-1-1 is currently coordinating and redesigning the website to allow individual resource centers to upload information to the website upon validation. They have worked with the Maryland Department of Aging to create an ongoing page powered by 2-1-1. The goal is to collaborate with another agency to keep information updated and supported. The data and resources can translate to other languages onsite.

Dr. DeLeon added that Maryland Physicians has a local resource directory. The community databases provide feedback, resource connections, and follow up. There are plans to patent data to predict outcomes. Ms. Sheridan from Housing and Community Development asked about the coordinated entry hotline.

Ms. Sheridan added that FIND HELP does not have tracking capabilities. Several client resources collaborated through the State are hoping to expand partnerships for screening. Housing and Community Development sends emails biweekly to a list of recipients. Anyone interested in receiving these emails are welcome.

Community Health Improvement Plan for 2023

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for 2023 is a resource directory for food, behavioral health and other health disparity resources in Baltimore County. The Health Equity Team will work to identify food resources, and develop and expand the subcommittee. There will be ongoing efforts to identify and collect information according to goals from the previous Community Health Improvement Plan.

Hospital Reports

Ms. Selby reported the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center (UMSJMC) has initiated drop boxes as a safe way to dispose of extra prescription drugs. UMSJMC is working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and marketing to increase campaign efforts.

Ms. Isenock reported the Diabetes Assessment is now available on the website.



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Mr. Glenn reported that Sheppard Pratt is working on implementing a plan for the Community Health Needs Assessment. There were no updates or reports from GBMC and LifeBridge.

Subcommittee Reports

Homelessness – Heather Sheridan

Ms. Sheridan reported that police and fire have been communicating about their responses to the homeless and shared care. There was a meeting on November 16 with hospital providers to discuss the need and challenges for assistance to make the process easier to share efforts in administering care. LifeBridge held a meeting November 7 about the Freezing Weather Shelters at Eastern Family Resource Center, and Woodlawn Library that opened in November. The meeting discussed discharge planning and the need for Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS) health partnership to identify shared supports and needs in the community. The Freezing Weather Shelters are not for full assessment or case management. The needs should be coordinated and shared. The coordinated entry hotline number is the best source for all homeless and emergency housing resources for the County, 410-887-8463. Wellsky is the vendor for Baltimore County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is not available for public access. Homeless service providers who track service dates and case notes use this system.

Opioid Intervention – Eric Bromwell

Mr. Bromwell reported the overdose to action plan is designed to collect data for prevention and response efforts. The plan is to build from the data to create a presentation. The Mosaic Group collects data at hospitals and provides reports. They are trying to configure a way to share the information with Baltimore County. Baltimore County's Office of Information Technology is involved with the overdose dashboard to review data from police to share with the department. There are continued plans to expand access to Naloxone. Fatal overdose numbers are decreasing and recovery housing is addressing barriers that have existed in the past. There are plans to target information of ongoing barriers to treatment facilities. Ideas are in motion to see if it serves the County. Invitation extended to anyone interested in joining the Opioid Intervention Subcommittee which meets every third Friday of the month. Presentations are available from previous meetings.

Tobacco Coalition – Vicki Keller

Ms. Keller reported on the Pharmacist Scope of Practice Bill. This bill expands the scope of practice for a licensed pharmacist, who meets specified requirements, to include prescribing and dispensing nicotine replacement products.

Juul Labs is to pay out \$438.5 million dollars for marketing electronic devices to younger groups. The state of Maryland will receive \$13 million over the next 5-10 years.

The Cessation Program processed \$10k in grants for schools. One grant will go to health education that will oversee middle school students developing self-management. Surveys for Youth and Adult Risk Behavior are not available. The last data is from 2018 due to the pandemic. Data for 2021 and 2022 will be available soon to review.



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Maryland can expect a decline in smoking in adults. The National Youth Tobacco Survey stats are out. Electronic use went from 23% to 14% with 23.9 % high school users, 85% of youth reported using flavored products. The FDA announced two proposals to ban the use of menthol in cigarettes and cigars. Eighteen states have increased the age limit for smoking from 18 to 21. Many states are going to put their own rules in place. There are hopes to see something in the general assembly that nicotine rewires the brain and enhances additive properties. African American communities experience more deaths due to tobacco usage.

Low Birth Weight FIMR CAT – Teresa Messler

Ms. Messler reported that Baltimore County is trying a faith-based approach to gain support in the community. Johns Hopkins students will assist health care workers and providers with community outreach. Baltimore County is working with GBMC and Sinai hospital's mother and baby units for resources. Invitation extended to anyone interested in joining the group to assist with efforts.

Food Insecurity – Ashley Wellington

Ms. Wellington reported ongoing efforts for a list of resources that will address food access and collaborating with Quinton Askew at 2-1-1- to utilize their resources. Food insecurity surveys issued at the libraries and senior centers for feedback on support needed. Shuttle users will be receiving insulated food bags, journals and health resources to aid in support efforts. We will continue community engagement with seniors to encourage the use of the loop to utilize resources available.

Chronic Disease – Dr. Sharon Baucom-Myers

Dr. Baucom-Myers reported the Chronic Disease Program was awarded three grants to enhance diabetes and chronic disease programs for prevention and management. LifeBridge and Chase Brexton are performing case management; hours have increased in the LatinX population, and the health disparities grant is focusing on the exercise component through line dance at community centers. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) has collaborated with Morning Start Baptist Church as the location in the community to focus on reducing obesity, and building wellness and knowledge in the community. The program started with three participants and since then has increased to twenty. We are planning for fifty. TOPS is working on Spanish brochures, and entertaining another orientation to develop more partnerships in the community. The health disparities grant has a partnership with Maryland Physicians to issue brochures in English and Spanish to share information about resources offered.

Ms. Culbertson gave a WOW for all of the dynamic work from the subcommittees. Ms. Leister echoed Ms. Culbertson's sentiments.

Announcements



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Ms. Leister welcomed and provided an opportunity for introduction from new members, Danielle Knatz: Bureau Chief of EMS for the Fire Department, Patricia Pickett Ruthie Gumnitzky from Moms Demand Action and Samantha Allen, Baltimore County Accreditation Coordinator.

Coalition members expressed many thanks, gratitude, well wishes and congratulatory remarks to Ms. Culbertson on her retirement and hard work. Ms. Culbertson thanked everyone and offered to be a citizen representative to groups in need of assistance.

Ms. DeRocco from MedStar Franklin Square invited Ms. Culbertson to join the Healthy Babies Coalition Support Group on Wednesdays from 11:00 am.-12:00 p.m. in Dundalk. Ms. DeRocco is looking for a certified lactation provider and asked members for assistance with recommendations.

Ms. Pickett expressed excitement of returning and participating in the group. Ms. Keller spoke of Ms. Pickett's great work in the past and extended an invitation to the Tobacco and Cancer Coalition meeting in January 2023.

The next virtual meeting date is March 7, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.