



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 1, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

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| Meeting Name: | <i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i> | Meeting Location: | <i>Virtual Meeting</i> |
| Meeting Date: | <i>Friday, April 1, 2021</i> | Minutes Recorder: | <i>Robyn Brown, Wicomico County Health Department</i> |
| Meeting Time: | <i>9:30 a.m.</i> | Minutes Reviewer: | <i>Group</i> |
| Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation: | <i>Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Tammy Griffin (WiCHD), Lori Brewster (WiCHD), Cathy Woodward (Wicomico DSS), Tuesday Trott and May Esh (Holly Center), Douglas Wilson (RRC), Kat Rodgers (TidalHealth), Donna Clark (HOPE Inc) Deborah Stanley (CEC), Christina Gray (WiCHD), Habacuc Petion (Rebirth Inc), Dr. James Cockey (WiCHD), Robyn Brown (LBHA)</i> | | |

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| WELCOME | Kat Rodgers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked members on the phone to introduce themselves. Kat called on members to introduce themselves and then facilitated the agenda | |
| February Minutes | Lisa Renegar made a motion to approve February minutes with the duplication of her name in the attendees list being corrected, seconded by Doug Wilson and carried. | |
| TRIBE (TriCounty Behavioral Health Engagement) | Kat Rodgers: I will send a message to Katherine Smith to see if she is available for the presentation. We can continue with the agenda and if she is able to we will come back. | |
| Membership Review | <p>Lisa Renegar and Mary Beth will be working together to do the annual membership review.</p> <p>Lisa Renegar presents her screen and shares a couple of slides to give everyone an overview of what we're looking at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on the attendance that we take at every meeting, I went back and as of today our raw membership consists of 30 members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 of those are voting members ○ 10 are non-voting members from an organization with more than one member since each organization only has 1 vote. ● Our bylaws say that anyone who has missed 50% or more of our meetings, we have to reach out to them to see if they still want to be a member. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From February 2021 - February 2022, 37% (11 members) of our overall membership fell into this category. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6 were voting members and 5 were non-voting members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One member told me that they would not like to be a part of the virtual | |

meetings.

- The next slide is the overall rate of our membership from February to February. Which has kind of waned, our lowest was 44% (I did not break that out by voting and non-voting members)
 - As we address those that are on our roster that have not attended, we will see our percentage rate improve.
- The last thing that I will need to do with Mary Beth is to go through and identify all the sectors that we need to recruit from.

Kat Rodgers: *I would like to be a part of the review committee.*

Tammy Griffin *chats that she would like to be a part of the committee also.*

Lisa Renegar: *I will get up with Mary Beth to see if any of the dates that I sent to her work for her and then I will get back to you both.*

Open Discussion

Kat Rodgers: Christina Gray Would like to know if we are planning to stay virtual? This might impact people's decision to re engage or not.

Lisa Renegar: When we did our bylaws review last year, we had talked about the possibility of being able to offer the meeting both ways (virtually and in person). The equipment to do this is very expensive. We had been meeting downtown at the Greater Salisbury building previously. Cathay Insley had been looking into maybe a different venue.

Lori Brewster: I'm not sure where she's looking at this point

Tammy Griffin: I'd like to suggest that if we meet in person to provide a call in number until we are able to possibly get equipment that will allow us to provide a visual option.

Lisa Renegar: Ideally we do want to get back to in person meetings. It is something that we can get the consensus of the group, if you guys think that would be helpful.

Lori Brewster: I absolutely would like for us to get back to meeting in person.

Lisa Regenar: I will get up with Kat, Tammy and MaryBeth to discuss and we will have more on it at our next meeting.

Habacuc Petion: Could we take a vote with the group today about meeting in person?

Kat Rodgers: Do we have a motion to return to meeting in person effective at the next meeting?

Lori Brewster: I

Tuesday Trott and May Esh: We second it

Kat Rodgers: It looks like everyone is in favor of having the next meeting in person.

Health Officer Updates

Lori Brewster

- We are knee deep into legislative session and we hit crossover day and are closely monitoring what is occurring and what is going to move out of the legislature for this year
- We also presented our budget tot the County Executive's office and that will be moving on to the County Council for their review for potential approval or discussion.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our Public Health ceremony will be at the Civic Center in the Flanders Room this Tuesday at 3:00pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We haven't been able to have one in 2 years so we are excited to get back to an in person ceremony. ● There are lots of activities going on during the week and they are listed on our website ● As of today, We've moved our COVID testing back to the Health Department outdoors. We are also doing vaccinations at the Health Department. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will only move to the Civic Center if we have an uptick in numbers. | |
| <p>Subcommittee Updates</p> | <p>Behavioral Health Workgroup - Lisa Renegar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuing to meet monthly and are focused on planning for next fiscal year. ● The State is moving the Local Behavioral Health Authorities from doing annual plans to 3 year plans. ● The State has asked the LBHAs to focus on 3 goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education and Awareness ○ CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) ○ Data - exploring holding a virtual data walk to assist with the data analysis of the annual LBHA plan <p>Christina Gray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We were limited with the data that we had access to due to the network issues. ● We took a high level view on a lot of mental health and substance use health indicators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emergency room encounters for mental health conditions and substance overdoses ○ Suicide risks and suicide ideations encounters ○ "Back to Basics" which is the social determinants of health piece of this and how the economics are changing in our area and how that may affect certain populations disproportionately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Your quality of life is not where it needs to be that will affect health and behavioral health outcomes. ● Our plan was due today but we turned it in a few days ago. We will probably hear back from the state in about 3 weeks to see if they have any comments or if there is anything that they need more information on. <p>Live Healthy Wicomico - Lisa Renegar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are continuing to meet every other month. The last meeting we updated priority areas that are coming up as well as our LHIC CHRC grant that we have. ● We did get an extension to extend that through this Fiscal year just because we had some difficulty getting our consultant. ● That is the assessment of our Diabetes Prevention Program. ● We also got feedback on grants that Tammy is working on. | |

CHRC LHIC Grant (funding to Implement MD Diabetes Plan) - Tammy Griffin

- We received the grant from CareFirst (Diabetes Prevention)
- We will be receiving a subgrant from TidalHealth
 - This will allow us to hire a community health outreach worker that will do outreach and diabetes prevention as well.
 - We also received an additional grant from the State to do some diabetes work that will allow us to expand some walking routes in the county and plan some walking events.
- We have a lot of activities planned for Public Health Week.
 - Tammy will share the graphic in the chat for the group and it is also available on our website.
 - The Ceremony is planned for April 5th.
 - I'd like to thank Kat and Habacuc for speaking at the event also.
 - If members of the LHIC would like to attend, please be sure to register.

Partner Updates

Doug Wilson:

- Our Executive Director from the Eastern Shore Health Education Center passed away recently.
 - The board has hired his replacement and she will be coming onboard on April 6.
 - Where should I send her info to?
 - **Lisa Renegar:** You can email her information to either myself or Cathey Insley.

Hope Inc - Donna Clark

- We received a large grant from the Robert I Shatner Foundation
 - \$80,000 dedicated to dental care
 - Community Foundation went to bat and we were able to raise \$30,000
 - I submitted a grant declarant of \$30,000 towards the match
 - Mission of Mercy donated \$20,000
 - For adults living in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties
 - Income levels at \$35,000 and below can be served
 - We have a list of dental providers and that is growing.
 - They have a list of dentists that are willing to trust us because we can not put the money out until the service has been provided. Many dentists want that money up front.
 - We will cover root canals and some restorative
- We are still cooking at Wicomico Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - We're back up to our pre-covid numbers of 40/45 people a day from 10:00am - 2:00pm

DSS - Cathy Woodward

- April is Child Abuse Awareness month, so you will probably see around the park and other areas some pinwheels that represent families that we have worked with in the last year

Donna Clark: *Is DSS open for clients to come in and fill out forms to apply for insurance, food stamps and things like that?*

Cathy Woodward: *For benefits is through a 1-800 number. But we do have clients that are walking in . Our office is open from 8:00 - 5:00pm.*

TidalHealth - Kat Rodgers

- I would like to update the group a little bit about the Reach Grant that Tammy mentioned it a little earlier.
- We were recently awarded that grant.
- It supports a regional and collaborative approach for addressing racial disparities in diabetes and hypertension throughout Salisbury, Princess Anne and Snow Hill.
 - We are working in partnership with all 3 Health Departments, CHC, the YMCA, Rebirth Inc, Building Mosaic Solutions, MAC inc, the libraries, Worcester NAACP, Lower Shore Clinic, Atlantic General Hospital.
 - We have a grantee orientation coming up in a couple of weeks
 - The coalition has been meeting and we've been having one on one meetings with everyone to get the implementation planning underway and start to lay the groundwork.
 - This is the first time that I can recall that we are explicitly looking at racial disparities and looking at the data in a stratified way and taking a hyper local approach with the community partners to address this.
 - This is a 2 year grant and we were awarded \$1.1 million over the 2 years to fund:
 - Community Health workers, community outreach workers, Mobile screenings, telehealth capabilities and some other services and supplies for patients.
 - After that 2 years if we show we are successful in that approach and make a dent in the disparities, then we will be well positioned to become a Health Equity Resource Community which makes us eligible for another 5 years of funding.
- For Healthfest this year we are partnering with MAC. to hold a blood drive and a healthfest / health screening at their celebration
 - It is the 50th Anniversary of MAC Inc this year and on Saturday, June 11, 2022 they are planning an expo and a lot of activities at the Civic Center.
 - Starting first in the morning, the expo will be from 10:00am - 2:00pm, there will be a summit presenting this report from 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Rebirth Inc - Habacuc Petion

- We are glad to be a part of this initiative
- We are running an after school program with 30 kids and it is growing.
 - We have to keep the numbers down because we are short on staff
 - We have added a mental health session once a month where one or two counselors come and talk to our kids
- We are about to open a food pantry.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be culturally oriented but it will be for everyone. ○ We have been selected to be one of the pilot organizations with the Maryland Food Bank and UMES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A vegetable food growing trial which is geared toward culture. What different ethnicities typically eat. <p>Doug Wilson: <i>Where will the food bank be located?</i> Habacuc Petion: <i>It will be located at 225 N. Division St</i></p> <p>Community Empowerment Center - Deborah Stanley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our Community Health Fair will be on June 4th and we are inviting all of our partners to come and be a part of it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is a free event through our tobacco cessation grant that we receive from Wicomico County. <p>Wicomico County Health Department - Lori Brewser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We applied for accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of kudos to Lisa and the health department for getting all of the documentation submitted on that ● Thank you to Rebirth for all that you are doing. You are hitting on target of what is needed in the community. | |
| NEXT MEETING | Friday, June 3, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. in person at a location to be determined later. | |
| ADJOURNMENT | Tammy Griffin makes a motion and Donna Clark seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM. | |