



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 2, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Name:	<i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Wicomico Co. Health Dept. Pinto Room</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>Friday, February 2, 2018</i>	Minutes Recorder:	<i>Cathey Insley</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	Minutes Reviewer:	<i>Group</i>

Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation: *Chris Tyler (WCDC), Mary Beth Waide (DHHC), Stephanie Elliott (PRMC), Ayodajin Olorunsola (SU Intern), Doug Wilson (Community Member), Cathey Insley (WiCHD), Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Donna Clark (HOPE), Ward Lambert (Community Member), Thomas Tucker (CES, Inc.), Shirley Dashiell (CES, Inc.), Adelline Natatin (Aetna Better Health of Maryland), Steve Walas (HS Chesapeake), Lore' Chambers (St. James AME Zion), Judy Barkley (Wesley Temple UMC)*

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Chair Mary Beth Waide called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
MINUTES APPROVAL	Stephanie Elliott requested a small change: "Mental Health has been identified as the biggest issue for patients seen in the SWIFT program" (not the PRMC van.) At start of meeting there was not a quorum present to approve minutes. Tabled until later in meeting. Once quorum present, Steve Walas made a motion to approve with change noted above, seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried.	
GUEST PRESENTATION	<p>Sexually Transmitted Infections in Wicomico County Chavonda Carr, Wicomico County Health Department for the STI Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chavonda was invited to share further STI data and share prevention and education efforts. ● Wicomico ranks 4th in the state in Chlamydia and 1st in Gonorrhea. ● Rankings include Baltimore City. ● Highest rate in Wicomico is among females ages 15-19. ● 2017 data is not complete yet, but initial reports show Chlamydia rates decreasing and Gonorrhea rates increasing. ● Since STIs are reportable, data comes from private practices, public clinics and health department. <p>Prevention Efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Salisbury University talk featured Dr. Dyson. ● Debra Rothman and Amber Green presented at PRMC education event, along with SU peer educators. ● Teen help resource cards are in the process of being updated. Cards were approved by the school 	

	<p>health council and the Board of Education, and are available in health classes and nurse's office.</p> <p>Educational Efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP) is a comprehensive sex ed program consisting of 12 one hour modules. Host sites are needed. Contact Chavonda to schedule. ● Parents Matter groups consist of five 2 ½ hour sessions. Contact Chavonda if interested. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stephanie asked if Somerset and Worcester also have STI Task Forces. (They do not.) ● Donna inquired about getting condoms to be given out through the soup kitchen. Chavonda will share and will give Donna information on requesting a condom number to obtain her own supply. Stephanie shared that the van has tried to get a condom number; unsuccessful to date. ● Lori shared with the group that Chavonda is recognized statewide for her efforts, and is often called upon for speaking engagements. 	
<p>LOCAL HEALTH DISPARITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Thomas Tucker shared that the Community Empowerment Center is the MOTA vendor for Wicomico again this year, with local and statewide tobacco efforts. ● Diabetes education: have held events in the hispanic and african american communities, promoting physical activity and including education. ● In March, will serve as the host site for Holy Ground project focusing on tobacco free church grounds. ● Received a Synar grant to educate businesses on not selling to minors. ● Donna inquired if the diabetes education program could use donated diabetic supplies. CES focuses on prevention through activity and diet, but will refer anyone in need to HOPE for supplies. ● Chris Tyler asked if vaping is covered with tobacco education component. (It is covered.) ● Judy Barkley shared that Wesley Temple is smoke free but seeing the homeless shelter visitors being allowed to smoke. Donna shared that she is anti-smoking but allows it on site to keep peace. 	
<p>MEMBER UPDATES</p>	<p>Lori Brewster, Health Officer Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flu season is in full swing, but vaccination is still recommended. Handwashing recommended. ● Lori serves on the Health Officer's legislative committee. Legislative session has been very busy. ● County budget is in process. No new funding. ● Governor's reconciliation act hurts health departments. <p>Adeline Ntatin, Aetna Better Health of Maryland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adeline is the Director of Health Equity at Aetna Better Health of Maryland, a new MCO serving Medicaid members as part of the health choice program. ● Works to identify gaps in communities, social determinants of health, and works with partners to address challenges. ● New for insurance companies to take a public health approach. ● Aetna not currently operating in Wicomico, but they are not restricted from improving public health outcomes in the county. 	

Chris Tyler, Wicomico Detention Center:

- Vivitrol grant was awarded.
- Shorter sentences are impacting treatment - not enough time to complete programming before release and JRI affects available sanctions.
- Meeting this month with SBIRT.
- George Kaloroumakis is retiring March 1, 2018. Chris' job description has changed, and Thomas Kimball will now be attending LHIC meetings moving forward.
- Doug Wilson:
- Beth Ohlssen will be retiring from the Recovery Resource Center and will begin focusing on speaking engagements and writing.
- Looking for a replacement with business management expertise.

Cara Rozaieski, Prevention and Health Communications:

- Today is the 10th anniversary of the clean indoor air act.
- Go Red event is 2/2/ at UMES.
- Walk Wicomico is part of the 1422 grant.
- **Please like/follow/share the Facebook and Instagram pages.** Website to be launched in June. Site will include trail maps, events, etc. Working to plan community walks. The public is encouraged to submit photos of walking trails, to be used on the new website.
- Walk Wicomico has a team on the APHA Billion Steps Challenge.

Lore' Chambers, St. James AME Zion Church:

- Over 450 families have been served by the supportive services for veterans and families program over the 5 year period. CARF certified and funded for next three years. Work collaboratively with detention center and parole and probation to help with housing as soon as released.
- Uplifting families through academic excellence, funded by CFES, has been expanded to include westside apartment communities.

Donna Clark, HOPE, Inc.:

- In December, a donation was received that has allowed HOPE to assist with basic dental care i.e. cleanings and fillings. 26 people have been served.
- PRMC oncology identified a need within the oral cancer population that need tooth extractions prior to radiation treatment. Trying to meet this need.
- Emergency shelter operations have been busy, serving 32-38 men per night, ages 21 to 73.
- Lori asked to open discussion on opening the shelters in December. This past December there were 19 cold weather deaths statewide, none of which were in Wicomico. HALO opened up additional beds on an emergency basis, and DHS and the health department had volunteers to help staff. Donna will discuss with Brenda Jordan.
- Have been operating out of a privately owned warehouse, which was put together quickly and has worked well, despite being costly. Have asked the city to consider purchasing the warehouse with the hopes of using as a code blue shelter.

- Waiting to hear if a CFES community initiative grant to help reimburse churches for feeding men at the cold weather shelters. Should hear within a week.

Lisa Renegar, Subcommittee Updates:

- Chronic Disease/Live Healthy Wicomico progress has been stalled due to weather and illness. Did not meet in December or January.
- Working to re-focus the group and re-develop the mission.
- Updating the action plan, with updated Maryland SHIP data. ED visit rate data is not yet included.
- Behavioral Health Workgroup has been meeting every other month, opposite weeks from the Behavioral Health Council meetings.
- In recent meetings have ranked strategies, goal of last meeting was to develop a warm handoff at discharge into care. Group also discussed the need for getting people into a facility. Will work on that at next meeting.
- Tammy Griffin would like the BH Workgroup to meet more frequently.
- Next strategy: Looking at data.

Stephanie Elliott, PRMC:

- SWIFT is currently seeing 16 clients. Haven't added many new with recent bad weather. Early data is promising.
- Advertising for Wagner Van services has been a challenge, but have now been given approval to advertise for target audience using theme "Your Bridge to Care."
- Working with ED on referrals for those without insurance or a PCP. Contacting patients directly to offer services.
- March 1 - van will go to the Worcester Health Department in Snow Hill.
- Working with health departments for medical clearance needed for Methadone programs.
- Stephanie has not been able to attend Syringe Exchange meetings, but has been sending a representative in her place to keep PRMC involved in the discussions.

Mary Beth Waide, Deer's Head Hospital Center:

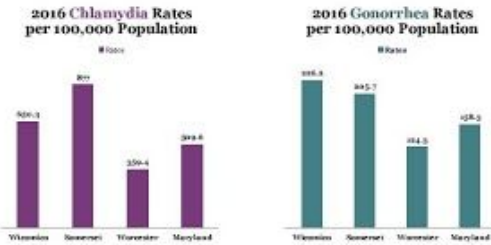
- Budget hearings have been held week of 1/29-2/2.
- February marks 2 years with no pressure induced ulcers at DHHC, which is a great testament to the skin care provided at the hospital. Only 2 inpatient residents ambulate; others are chair/bed bound.
- Deer's Head was listed at 1 of 38 best long term care facilities in US News and World Report. Lori suggested doing a press release.

NEXT MEETING	Friday, April 6, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. Pinto Conference Room, 108 East Main Street, Salisbury
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) in Wicomico County

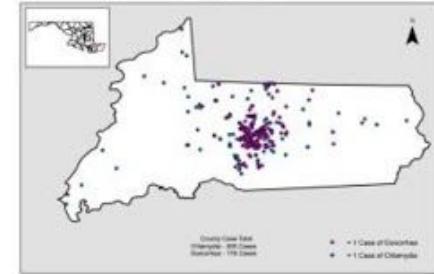
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How Does Wicomico County Stack Up?



* 2017 cases and rates are still being calculated*

Reported Cases of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea
Wicomico County, Maryland
2015 - 2016
Ages 15-19



Source: Maryland Department of Health, Center for STI Prevention

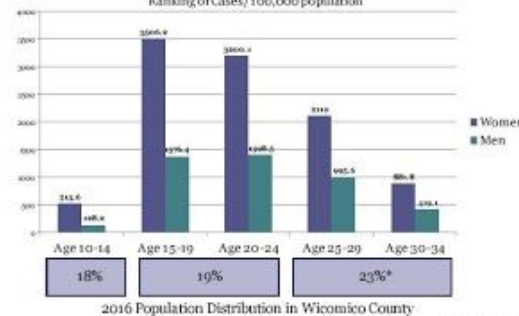
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Chlamydia

- In 2016, Wicomico had the 4th highest rate in MD.
- Females ages 15-19 had the highest rate of all age groups.
 - 15-19 Female rate roughly 255% higher than male rate.

Chlamydia cont'd

Chlamydia in Wicomico Among Men/Women 10-34 Years, Ranking of Cases/100,000 population



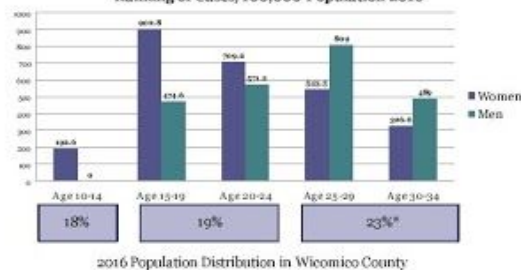
*range is 20-44 years

Gonorrhea

- In 2016, Wicomico had the highest rate of Gonorrhea cases in Maryland
 - With the exception of Baltimore City
- Rates soar among Women ages 15-19

Gonorrhea cont'd

Gonorrhea in Wicomico Among Men/Women 10-34 Years, Ranking of Cases/100,000 Population 2016



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WiCHD's Efforts to Prevent STIs

- Managed STI Taskforce
- Educated program youth (GEMS/PREP) on STIs and prevention
- Conducted community STI Awareness Talk at PRMC in May 2017
- Presented about STIs in 8th and 10th grade health education classes, local school clubs and community agencies
- Informed local pediatric offices about county STI rates and trends in September 2017

Efforts cont'd

- Distributed adolescent resource cards via Wicomico Board of Education (WCBOE)
- Approved video about birth control and safer sex with WCBOE
- Distributed teen pregnancy and STI posters via WCBOE

GEMS Program

- After school abstinence only program for adolescent females (ages 10 to 14).
- Currently at three Wicomico schools
 - Bennett Middle
 - Salisbury Middle
 - Wicomico Middle

PREP Program

- Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP)
- A comprehensive community program for males and females ages 10-19
 - Covers abstinence and safer sex
 - Adult preparation topics

Parents Matter!

- Evidenced-based intervention for parents/guardians of youth ages 9-14 years old
- 5 sessions, 2.5 hours each session
- Program Content includes
 - Risk Awareness
 - Positive Parenting
 - Sexual Communication

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Continue GEMS and PREP program activities.
 - Researching PREP at Choices Academy
 - Planning to do summer PREP program at Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)

How Can You Help?

- Educate the public on STI rates
- Promote STI testing
- Promote interventions such GEMS, PREP and Parents Matter!

Questions?

- For more information contact:

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