



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 4, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Name:	Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition	Meeting Location:	Virtual Meeting
Meeting Date:	Friday, December 4, 2020	Minutes Recorder:	Cathey Insley
Meeting Time:	9:30 a.m.	Minutes Reviewer:	Group

Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation: Kiersten Baker (DHHC), Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Cathey Insley (WiCHD), Jennifer Berkman (ESAHEC), Nicole Acle (Wicomico County), Steve Walas (Encompass Health), Dr. Thomas Tucker (CEC), Dhruvi Patel (UM Ext), Tuesday Trott (Holly Ctr), Mae Esh (Holly Ctr), Donna Clark (HOPE Inc), Pattie Tingle (MAC Inc), Dr. James Cockey (WiCHD), Lori Brewster (WiCHD), Josh Boston (CHC), Rochelle Tyler (TidalHealth), Kat Rodgers (TidalHealth), Cara Rozaieski (WiCHD), Habacuc Petion (NewBirth), Jason Sammons (DSS)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Lisa Renegar called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and reminded members to mute themselves when not speaking. Members announced themselves.	
OCTOBER MINUTES	Kat Rodgers made a motion to approve October minutes as written, seconded by Josh Boston, and carried.	
BY LAWS UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Part of the HSCRC grant for LHICs requires certain elements in the By-Laws. Some items were in previous versions of the by-laws but may have been removed to simplify in recent years. ● Abbie reviewed our current By-Laws, and inserted some of the required language. ● Text in red is suggested edits, and the group reviewed together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Tucker asked Lisa to define key stakeholder. Lisa feels that it is anyone with an interest in things that affect how people live and work. ○ Dr. Tucker asked to add Community Empowerment Center, Inc. to the list. ○ Donna Clark asked why number of voting members does not match number of stakeholders listed. Some organizations have more than one active member. ○ Lisa suggested including an LHIC membership interest link on the website for potential new members. The group agreed this is a good idea. ○ Jenn suggested key stakeholders that address CHNA be included in the mission statement. ○ Kat suggested members of the media be considered a stakeholder. Lisa shared that there is a member of the media on the Live Healthy Wicomico subgroup. ○ The group discussed membership terms, and how smaller groups would have difficulty with terms. ○ Kat suggested a membership subcommittee to maintain membership listings and is willing to lead the group. ○ The group discussed voting and quorum. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mission and Vision discussion was tabled in the interest of time, other than a few samples Lisa shared from other LHICs. ● The Mission included in the draft was drafted by our Public Health fellow Abbie. ● The Vision is the Wicomico Health Department’s current vision. Would like a small group to convene to review Mission and Vision. <p>ACTION ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisa will send out a subgroup interest email. ● Jennifer will share stakeholder resource materials. ● Lisa will add presentation of prospective members to full LHIC for vote (section 6). 	
<p>SUBCOMMITTEE AND PARTNER UPDATES</p>	<p>Community Health Improvement Plan / Community Health Needs Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisa Renegar shared that the updated plan is being finalized after discussion at the October meeting. ● Hope to have it sent to the group by end of December or early January. ● Partners are Wicomico Health, Somerset Health and TidalHealth. ● Reaching out to Worcester County Health Department. At this time they are not going to join since they are in the process of their 2021 CHNA. They are willing to partner at the next cycle in 2025. ● Finalizing process going forward to coordinate collection/review of data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each organization has identified points of contact. ○ Each point of contact will collect data twice a year, preferably quarterly. ○ Looking into a shared google folder to save data where all have equal access. ○ Data review/feedback will have two levels of review. Owner will do a review, and then it will go to Somerset and Wicomico LHICs. (Wicomico will review data at February and August meetings.) <p>Behavioral Health Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting virtually every month with subgroups meeting regularly. ● Continuing to work on goals and strategies in the LBHA county plan, with focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cultural and Linguistic Competency ○ Harm Reduction ○ Data and Mental Health First Aid ● Will begin 2022 plan soon. ● With switch to new ASO, there is no claims data to use. ● The state is asking for a different analysis this year, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suicide/prevention efforts ○ Overdose deaths ○ Medicaid enrollment and penetration ○ Poverty rate and ranking ○ Unemployment rates ○ Health disparities and social determinants of healthy ○ Other priority areas, specific to our jurisdictions (i.e. poverty, COVID infections and mortality rate, unemployments, student mental health) 	

Chronic Disease Workgroup

- Live Health Wicomico meeting every other month.
- Received funding for Maryland CHRC grant application.
- Hiring process for consultants for Academic Detailing and Diabetes Prevention Program.
 - Part of this funding allows the state to provide some trainings, like the one Lisa Renegar emailed to the group 12/4.

Cara Rozaieski (WiCHD Prevention and Health Communications)

- SCALE program is being offered virtually. Currently on week 10, with 7 are still attending.
- Cara thanked Donna for being a produce distribution location and connecting to other sites.
- Somerset county will be taking over programming in January. Wicomico will continue to benefit from SCALE.
- Looking for a contractor for HALT online Diabetes program.
- Diabetes screening in the dental program began at the Village Dental Center on 11/23.
- Lower Shore Walking Tour for Walktober: 70 registered and 23 individuals earned t-shirts.
- Prize winner lives in Worcester county but works in Wicomico.

Kat Rodgers (TidalHealth)

- TidalHealth is working on rollout of Behavioral Health HSCRC grant.
- Using an evidence based model called Crisis Now.
- Program will run January - December 31, 2025.
- Main component is a crisis call center and short term crisis stabilization center. Hope to reduce ED utilization and increase access to BH services.
- Central hub will be in Salisbury, with satellite office near AGH.
- Working with Somerset and Wicomico Health Departments on another CHRC proposal to address diabetes and prediabetes in both counties. Working with Sharon Lynch in Somerset County. Proposing having a dedicated CHW for diabetes, and hope to expand ECI program through ECI to decrease food insecurity and partnership with MAC.
- Flu shot event December 12th. Location not finalized, but will be shared when ready.
- TidalHealth has provided nursing staff to the health department for COVID testing on Mondays.
- Antibody treatment is available with a doctor's order. Began on December 1st, and treatment is working well for COVID positive patients that meet certain criteria.
- Kat will be sending information letters to providers later today, to increase awareness and encourage referral.
- Treatment is given through IV infusion. Patients report feeling much better with treatment.
- TidalHealth Peninsula is one of 6 sites in the state to offer. Will begin offering at Nanticoke soon.

Jennifer Berkman (ESAHEC)

- Working with Wor-Wic to offer Community Health Worker training.
- One of 5 accredited training programs in the state.
- Theresa Tyndall obtained scholarship funds that may be available to cover tuition for staff that partners

would like trained as a CHW. Hope to start late spring, depending on number recruited.

- Diabetes prevention research project by the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy at the University of Maryland is looking to add dyads, perhaps a husband/wife, friends or neighbors.
- They are hoping to see if people recruited as dyads if they continue activity longer than they might otherwise.
ACTION: If you know individuals that may be interested, please let Jenn know and she will pass along to the research center.

Mae Esh (Holly Center)

- Remain at zero resident cases of COVID.
- Flu vaccine at 100% for residents and 72% for staff.
- Looking for creative ways to observe the holidays.

Donna Clark (HOPE, Inc.)

- HOPE is open Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Dental program currently on hold. Hope to resume funding after the first of the year.
- Donations are down.
- Cold weather shelter starts the first Saturday in January at the Langler building on North Division Street.
- Working with the City and HOT homeless outreach team, SWIFT and COAT teams to go to various camps and do one on one with individuals.
- Seeing an increase in newly homeless individuals. Many living in their vehicles in parking lots.

Steve Walas (Encompass Health)

- Construction for 14 bed expansion is underway. Target completion date: September 2021.

Pattie Tingle (MAC)

- Senior center operations closed due to Governor's order.
- Meet with caregivers to provide support.
- Connection sites providing grab and go lunches.
- Evidence based programs running virtually.
- Instructor training for Tai Chi for better movement and balance was completed.
 - Workshops will open in January.
- Home delivered meals program has increased by over 60%. Have hired staff to support this program. Utilizing volunteers to assist due to demand.
- 60% of staff continue to work remotely.

Habacuc Petion

- Partner with Migrant Clinician Network for COVID outreach and education in the Haitian community.
- Operating a virtual learning support center.
- 14 kids currently taking advantage of the location. (Currently in Langler building. Will relocate next door when the cold weather shelter opens.)
- City provided plexiglass shields. Hand sanitizer and masks would be helpful.

	<p>ACTION: Cathey will share PPE request form with Mr Petion for kids in remote learning center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asked Kat how patients get access to the COVID treatment and how they should ask if they test positive. Currently through doctor referral, and patients may ask if antibody treatment is right for them. ● Kat explained that there is specific criteria that makes certain individuals better candidates for treatment, based on onset of symptoms. ● Asked Jennifer to share the information about CHW training at WorWic. <p>ACTION: Jennifer will provide information to Lisa to share with the email group.</p>	
ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. 	
NEXT MEETING	Friday, February 5, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m. (VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON MEETING TO BE DETERMINED)	