



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Name:	<i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Virtual Meeting</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>Friday, October 1, 2021</i>	Minutes Recorder:	<i>Robyn Brown, Wicomico Co. Health Dept.</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), Steve Walas (Encompass Health), Tara Wampler (Aetna Medicaid), Dhruvi Patel (Cooperative Extension), Ellen Willingham (Priority Partners), Josh Boston (CHC), Allie O’Leary (Data Analyst Tidal Health), Koyln Jones (WiCHD), Pattie Tingle (MAC), Dr. James Cockey (WiCHD), Deborah Stanley (CEC), Nicole Acle (Wicomico County Council), Habacuc Petion (Rebirth Inc), Kat Rodgers (TidalHealth), Jason Sammons (Wicomico DSS), Robyn Brown (LBHA)</i>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Lisa Renegar called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed new member Tara Wampler from Aetna Medicaid to the group. Members introduced themselves and Nicole Acle facilitated the agenda	
August Minutes	Pattie Tingle made a motion to approve August minutes as written, seconded by Steve Walas and carried.	
CHNA Secondary Data Analysis Review	<p>Lisa Renegar presented the slides that had been emailed to the group prior to the meeting. Allie O’Leary reviewed each of the community health needs secondary data analysis slides with the group. <i>*See attached slides*</i>. Everyone thanked Allie for her presentation and an open discussion followed:</p> <p>Dhruvi Patel: When it comes to health education, where are the places that we are not reaching? Do you know any resource or data set that would indicate that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kat Rodgers: The data that Allie presented is just one part of our CHNA process. The other piece is a community survey that is being conducted now to get hundreds of residents to participate and indicate their perception of the health gaps, health needs and quality of life here. The third part is a series of focus groups based on a collection of qualitative data collection and analysis. All of these components will be pulled together in a comprehensive community health needs assessment. That information and what resources and the inventory of services and interventions that we have here is over weighed with what the health problems are so that we can prioritize 3 or 4 health problems that we as a community have the capacity to address. This way we are not trying to address a health problem that we don’t have the capacity to handle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Community Health Improvement plan as well as the Health Needs Assessment that was conducted 3 years ago might give you the background information of how we used the information before and the key programs & interventions that were implemented to address 	

what was identified in the previous one.

- <https://www.tidalhealth.org/community-outreach-partners/community-health-research-data>

- **Lisa Renegar:** Our updated Community Health Improvement Plan is being reviewed and we hope to have it out within the next month.

Dhruvi Patel: Who is your target audience, it seems like it is for the general population?

- **Kat Rodgers:** Yes, we work with area nonprofits and community based organizations to have the entities and managers of those entities participate in those surveys and also have gotten them to give it out to their clients, family members and friends that they serve. Habacuc was also taking the Creole version out to the Haitian community. We have worked with the Lower Shore Vulnerable Populations Task Force so that they can get it out to the community. It's also available online and also in a hard copy
- **Druhti Patel:** I would be interested in learning about the community stakeholders who have some programming or some interventions going on already in the community. One gap that I noticed is that we don't know all of the resources in the sense of education and empowerment in the community. What are we doing and what regional demographics are we reaching? What I have observed is that there are pockets of populations that are not receiving any kind of education.
- **Nicole Acle:** I was surprised to see that Willards had the lowest poverty rate and food insecurity rate. Willards should be a target area that we should focus on educating and bringing more resources to the community.
 - **Allie O'leary:** That's what a big part of the Secondary Data Analysis was to highlight the zip codes where, just through a data analytic view, we saw what they are facing and what we might be missing. It gives us the ability to see what way we can help. We'll learn a lot more from the community surveys than just the secondary data analysis because we will get the feedback from community members and the people working with those populations.

Nicole Acle: Would like to go back to discuss the wage gap with Women.

- **Allie O'Leary:** In Wicomico, the largest wage gap was 70.9% and Somerset had the smallest. In Wicomico the average for women was \$28,000 and for men it was \$40,000.
- **Nicole Acle:** The county has revised our commission for women, some of it may be due to COVID and women needing to stay home and not being able to go back to work or whatever the issue is.
 - Please email a letter of interest for Wicomico County Commission on Women to akkenney@wicomicocounty.org & nacle@wicomicocounty.org Thank you!

Lisa Renegar shared the progress of the Community Health Survey.

- As of September 21st, 629 surveys have been completed.
 - We need to reach a more diverse group with our surveys.
 - 85% are white, 94% are non-Hispanic, 84% are female and 77% have at least an associates degree
 - Nearly 70% of the surveys are from Wicomico County, the other counties have about 10% and Sussex County being the lowest at 6%.
- Survey - Electronic version is available in English & Spanish

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZN82HM>
- Hard copies are available in Haitian Creole, Arabic, Swedish, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish.
- As of October 1st, we have 21 individuals registered for the Focus Groups later this month.
 - We are seeing a trend where it is mostly women who've registered.
 - Wicomico has 14, Sussex has 4, Worcester has 3 and Sussex does not have anyone registered at this time.

Habacuc Petion: How widely was the community survey distributed?

- **Kat Rodgers:** We promoted it through news releases, social media, our website and then through our community partners. The survey is available online in English & Spanish. We went outside of the contract to have the survey translated into several other languages but it's only available in a hard copy and then we will input that into the online survey.

Habacuc Petion: The Haitian community is often grouped together with the african american population but when it comes to deliverable services it's not really reaching our community. It's not really showing that in the survey. How will the data impact the Haitian community since we fall into a category of another ethnicity.

- **Kat Rodgers:** That's why your involvement and other members of the community's involvement in the process and in the coalition is so critical. These interventions should be designed in partnership with the communities that they are meant to serve. We hope that leaders such as yourself will be a part of the planning meetings to help us design appropriate programs.
- **Lisa Renegar:** We will share with you another link to the survey for workers to access on a tablet; this link allows more than one submission and was created specifically so we could enter paper surveys.
- **Kat Rodgers:** In the demographics part, we edited one of the questions to allow for individuals to indicate whether or not they identified as Haitian or having a haitian background.
 - We can only control the primary data (the questions that we ask of people)

Subcommittee Updates

Behavioral Health Workgroup

- Continuing work for the FY22 priorities
 - 1. Education and Awareness
 - 2. CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services)
 - 3. Data - exploring holding a virtual data walk to assist with the data analysis of the annual LBHA plan
 - Data walk - interactive way to get feedback on data - post data stations around the room (like an exhibit) and then have small groups of stakeholders go to each station and share ideas and responses to targeted questions about the data. Then afterwards all the small groups come together and synthesize info encountered.

	<p>Chronic Disease Workgroup, Live Healthy Wicomico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to meet every other month. At our last meeting we discussed ideas for a grant opportunity from CareFirst. I'll defer to Tammy to tell you about that <p>CHRC LHIC Grant (funding to Implement MD Diabetes Plan) - Tammy Griffin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes Innovative Strategies Grant We worked in collaboration with Somerset county as well to benefit both counties. The idea is around food security We proposed to do 2 new walking paths in Wicomico County partnering with Rec & Parks to increase physical activity We proposed to establish a Food Farmacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location will be determined once the grant is awarded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be for patients who have elevated A1C levels to be referred by their providers to the Food Farmacy which would be like a food pantry where they would have access to fresh fruit & vegetables and access to healthy nutritious food. We also put in additional funding for a coordinator, to complete 2 DPP classes and partner with MAC & their diabetes program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habacuc Petition was added to the grant as a potential collaborator. Working on implementing our plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently recruiting for the consultant to identify what the barriers are for people participating in DPP so we can identify those barriers and address them in our action plan moving forward. We will use the feedback from the report and contract out for a consultant to recruit participants and provide a DPP class. Also will have a mini-grant to provide diabetic supplies Funding to create a local diabetes resource guide 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Kat Rodgers - TidalHealth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TidalHealth has implemented an Exhale Asthma Control grant in partnership with Habitat and Chesapeake Housing Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is to provide asthma education and in those low income households where someone has asthma, we'll also be providing funding for home repairs. We have received several referrals. We've signed a grant with SU to get more Narcan out into the community through our community health workers. So when the health workers are in the home of someone who has a substance use disorder they will be able to provide the kit and training and we'll also have it wherever the Waggoner Wellness Van goes. <p>Steve Walas - Encompass</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our bed expansion goes live next week and we'll be adding 10 extra beds for a total of 74 beds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure yet when the State will approve our license for those extra beds. ○ We will keep our census at 64 which will give us 18 additional private rooms. ○ We have a charity expectation at the hospital and surprisingly it has been difficult locating those types of patients, especially with the data that was just reviewed in this group on disparity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If there are any community partners that have patients that are rehab eligible in mind we are looking for those types of patients to treat within the community 	
NEXT MEETING	Friday, December 3, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.	
ADJOURNMENT	Steve Walas, Kat Rodgers seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.	