



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Name:	<i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Wicomico County Health Department Adkins Building</i>
	<i>Friday, April 12, 2024</i>	Minutes Recorder:	<i>Cathey Insley (virtual)</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	Minutes Reviewer:	<i>Group</i>
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<i>Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Kat Rodgers (TidalHealth), Lisa Widmaier (ESAHEC), Christina Gray (WiCHD), Odile Ndayishimiye (PHASE intern), Olivia Na (PHASE intern), Michelle Gregory (Sby City Council), Jessica Sexauer (WiCHD), Josh Boston (CHC), Emily Paterson (MD Poison), Julie Krenzer (CareFirst), Keirsten DeBoer (DHHC), MaryBeth Waide (DHHC), Tara Wampler (Aetna Better Health), Deborah Stanley (CEC), Matthew McConaughy (WiCHD), Cathey Insley (WiCHD)</i>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Kat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and members provided self introductions.	
Approval of Minutes	Josh Boston made a motion to approve February minutes with correction to spelling of Lisa Widmaier’s last name, seconded by Matthew McConaughy, and carried.	Cathey will post minutes online .
Presenter	<p>Health Equity Framework and Prioritization Marie Odile Ndayishimiye Uwineza, Wicomico Health PHASE intern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three priority areas were identified for the Community Health Improvement plan, two of which have established subcommittees that operationalize the plan. ● Access to Care/Health Equity is a new priority, which led to establishing a new subcommittee. ● Odile’s project this semester was to complete a literature review on health equity frameworks for LHIC use. ● The Access/Equity subgroup completed a prioritization activity to narrow down the most important health equity themes in the county, and used these themes to identify relevant frameworks. ● Appropriately identified frameworks were presented to the group (Attached.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thrive Rural ○ CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services) ○ Communities in Action ○ Advancing Health Equity and Value ○ ETR’s Health Equity ○ Human Impact Partners (HIP) Strategic Practices ○ CDC’s Community Strategies for Preventing Chronic Diseases ○ IHI’s Improving Health Equity ● Three prioritized areas are: access to care, culturally tailored services, addressing systemic racism. ● Odile thanked Christina and Lisa for their guidance while she completed research for this graduate project. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next steps: Odile is working to consolidate information presented today, including a matrix of the frameworks. This will be sent to the full coalition for review. Will use surveymonkey to get coalition feedback on the framework most appropriate. 	
Health Officer Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avian influenza H1N51 - human transmittable case identified in Texas. Not seeing this as a common concern, however there is a hold on all movement of cattle/livestock per an executive order issued 4/11/24. ● Six states have affected herds, nothing close to our area as of this time. Cattle are recovering after isolation, if poultry flocks are affected, it would likely wipe them out. 	
Subcommittee Updates	<p>Lisa Renegar, Wicomico County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will send a poll to the new subcommittee to determine a regular meeting time for the new subcommittee discussed today. ● Behavioral Health workgroup update was provided at the February meeting. ● Chronic Disease workgroup - received IRB approval for the CHW survey. Hoping to send that survey out as soon as surveymonkey licenses are approved. 	
Partner Updates	<p>Lisa Widmaier, Eastern Shore AHEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building team back after some vacancies. ● 4/13: Spring into Wellness Fair in Cambridge. ● Webinar series starts with Wednesday lunch and learn “Nutrition: Back to Basics” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly presenters on various health topics. ● Submitted and EARN grant, with Josh Boston providing a letter of support. ● CHW training has three weeks remaining. <p>Michelle Gregory, Salisbury City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grants for the Fire Department, just accepted another \$22k for SWIFT. ● Had addressed reaching minority populations with previous administrations, will address with the new administration. Large refugee population in her district. <p>Jessica Sexauer, Wicomico County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Critical Incident Stress Management training coming up. Focuses on de-escalating traumatic events. If trained, it is requested that you accept a one year response commitment. ● Hearing Distressing Voices training - simulates hearing voices. ● TriCounty Resource Guide is ready, electronic version is posted online, print copies available in the LBHA office. Has been translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole. ● April 21st: 2nd Color Run at Kylan Barn for suicide prevention awareness. ● May 17th: Refresh Renew Relax conference at the Civic Center for members in recovery. ● Early planning stages of coordinating the Out of the Darkness walk in Wicomico County. Has previously been held in Ocean City. Looking to rotate locations moving forward. 	

	<p>Josh Boston, Chesapeake Healthcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sending teams to community events, health fairs, and awareness walks. ● Centering program (group sessions for expectant mothers at similar gestation) has held three classes to date. ● CHC has noted an increase in early entry into prenatal care. ● Rates of low birth weight are good in our county. ● Legislative update: Physician Assistants are now able to practice independently. <p>Keirsten DeBoer, Deer’s Head Hospital Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing rehabilitation services, which are open to individuals with private insurance. <p>Kat Rodgers, TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Medical Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asked to present to the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission on the Health Equity Resource Community grant proposal of \$5M over a 5 year period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funds would go to partners to screen for food insecurities, transportation insecurity, social determinants of health, expanding community health worker network to focus on diabetes and hypertension. ○ MCHRC requested the budget be cut by \$200,000, which has been completed. ○ 1 of 14 groups asked to present, and it is looking probable that the grant will be funded to serve as a health equity resource. ● Coordinator of the REACH grant has done a great job representing the project to the state, and has built strong partnerships with the community. ● June 22nd: HealthFest event, in partnership with the Salisbury Fire Department. Will be held at their headquarters on Cypress Street. Hope for a successful event, held in a walkable area to targeted populations. ● Legislation was passed to allow immigrants, regardless of documentation status, to purchase qualified health plans through Maryland Health Connection. (Pending federal approval). <p>Deborah Stanley, Community Empowerment Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 8th: Annual Community Health Fair at the St. Paul’s AME Zion Church. Outdoor event. ● Partners are invited and welcome to participate. <p>Emily Paterson, Maryland Poison Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 27th is DEA National Take Back Day. ● Poison Center promotes Takeback Day to encourage individuals to keep expired and unused medications out of their homes. 	
OTHER UPDATES	Lisa will share the state’s draft Health Improvement Plan by email for the group to review.	
NEXT MEETING	<p>Friday, June 7, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>LOCATION: Adkins Conference Room (second floor), 801 N. Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury</p>	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.	
ATTACHMENT	Advancing Health Equity - LHIC Presentation slides	