



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 7, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Name:	<i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Greater Salisbury Committee Building</i>
	<i>Friday, October 7, 2022</i>	Minutes Recorder:	<i>Cathey Insley</i>
Meeting Time:	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	Minutes Reviewer:	<i>Group</i>
Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	<i>Lori Brewster (WiCHD), Habacuc Petion (Rebirth Inc), Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Cathey Insley (WiCHD), Cathy Woodward (WDSS), Keirsten DeBoer (DHHC), Mary Beth Waide (DHHC), Donna Clark (HOPE, Inc), Brittany Young (Maryland Physicians Care) Christina Gray (WiCHD), Josh Boston (Chesapeake HealthCare), Ellen Willingham (Johns Hopkins Health Care Priority Partners), Emily Patterson (MD Poison Center), Tuesday Trott (Holly Center), Eddline Petion (Rebirth Inc)</i>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Habacuc Petion called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. New members Brittany Young (Maryland Physicians Care), Emily Patterson (MD Poison Center), and Melissa Kelley (CareFirst) were introduced.	
Approval of Minutes	Lori Brewster made a motion to approve August minutes with the change in meeting location from virtual to the Greater Salisbury Committee, seconded by Donna Clark and carried.	
Meeting Structure	<p>Wicomico LHIC has been meeting every two months for many years; the group discussed making meetings more engaging/representative of our community.</p> <p>Meeting time/location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group discussed going back to the 1.5 hour meeting time. ○ Since we began meeting at the Greater Salisbury Committee, meetings were moved to 9:30. ○ To go back to 9 am, would need to find an alternate meeting location(s). <p>Location options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ United Way conference room is available for most meeting dates in 2023. Would need to find a location for December 22 and April 2023 meetings. ○ Community Foundation requires an application for each meeting, scheduled 90 days in advance. ○ Kat is checking Avery Education Building availability. ○ Rotating locations among member sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Habacuc is willing to host the December 2022 meeting. <p>Addressing Health Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CHIP is reviewed in August and February every year, with representatives from each group reporting out 	<p style="color: red;">Cathey will notify Greater Salisbury that we will no longer need the space.</p> <p style="color: red;">If you can host a meeting, let Lisa or Cathey know.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some LHICs focus on one priority area per meeting with a presenter reporting out and have group discussion on progress toward goals. ○ Brittany asked about sub-groups. Lisa shared that we have active Chronic Disease and Behavioral Health groups, and an additional group may need to be added to address changing priority areas. ○ Habacuc also feels feedback from the community is important, and they should be personally invited for meetings addressing their interest areas. ○ Brittany asked if there is a possibility of holding focus groups in the community to gauge needs. ○ Diversity needs improvement. ○ Hispanic and African American communities are not represented. ○ Brittany stated that many minority community leaders are working other jobs during meeting times and may not be able to attend meetings, where focus group discussions may be held at better times for them. ○ May look at developing a membership committee. ○ Best practice is to have committee membership reflect population demographics. ○ Donna stated she is willing to work on this committee, as well as Habacuc and Keirsten. ○ Health Equity and Access to healthcare is a new priority area, and may have a new sub-group implemented, to be addressed at a future meeting. ○ Ellen added that members of the media and law enforcement could also be invited. ○ Partners have expertise in a variety of areas. ○ Lisa will put out a request for SMEs to discuss their work and data that address priority areas. ○ Wicomico Health is PHAB accredited. One of the PHAB requirements is that living documents exist. <p>Engagement ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lisa mentioned a data walk or data sensemaking. (These ideas work better in person than virtually.) 	<p style="color: red;">Lisa will send email re: membership committee and Subject Matter Experts for future meetings.</p> <p style="color: red;">Other ideas are welcome.</p>
<p>CHIP Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CHNA was wrapped up last fiscal year; a partnership between Wicomico and Somerset Health Departments and TidalHealth, all working with a consultant to develop the CHIP. ● CHIP is in rough form, and feedback is requested from the group. ● CHIP addresses Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties. <p>Priority Area 1: Access and Health Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase equitable access to healthcare. ○ Provide education and promote awareness of health equity. ○ FEEDBACK: Brittany wants to be part of an equity subgroup when that is implemented, aligns with strategies MPC is making. MPC is using a program called Well Sky. ○ Christina shared that TidalHealth is using a similar program called FindHelp. 	

	<p>Priority Area 2: Behavioral Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve behavioral health through prevention, treatment and recovery. ○ FEEDBACK: Donna suggested adding increasing availability of Narcan drug itself. <p>Priority Area 3: Chronic Disease and Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce the prevalence and mortality from chronic diseases in the partnership area. ○ Promote and support health lifestyles and wellness in the service area to reduce risk of chronic disease. ○ FEEDBACK: Lori added that this document is a living document; CHIP can be updated when it is needed. 	
<p>Health Officer Updates</p>	<p>Lori Brewster, Wicomico Health Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID and Monkeypox ongoing. ● Annual report should be ready to share soon. ● PHAB resubmission was completed yesterday. Site visit will be scheduled soon. ● Lori shared that she is retiring after 38 years. Last day will be December 30, 2022. ● County is working with the state to begin the Health Officer recruitment process. 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Habacuc Petion, Rebirth Inc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Now working with over 400 clients; assisting with health insurance, medical appointments, etc. ● Have been able to hire CHWs to help. ● Every other Tuesday host community activities, and have food pickup from the FoodBank. ● Have distributed over 10K lb of food. ● Every Thursday, give out fresh vegetables to over 100 individuals. ● August - Community Baby Shower, gave baskets to 13 pregnant women. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eddeline, thanked the health department for the collection of baby clothes. <p>Donna Clark, HOPE Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual report is available for 2021/2022. ● 1,008 different clients; 533 are new clients. ● 383 given prescription assistance through HomeScripts and MAC, Inc, as well as walk-ins at HOPE. ● 2279 meals through the lunch program. ● Serving 67-75 lunches every other Tuesday at Rebirth. ● Dental assistance is on hold, all funds have been spent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting for promissory letters to expire 11/18. ○ Will know after Thanksgiving if any of the \$160K remains; may have ~\$4K left. ● 117 individuals received dental care; fewer received services since discount dental care was not available. ● CFES has an adult dental task force working to draw dentists to the area; it is challenging. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Josh added that CHC is partnering with other FQHCs. Paying significantly more than cities to recruit dentists here. CHC had to stop an extern program due to lack of dental providers to oversee the residency program. ● CHC has just added a dental provider, with a promissory note for another. ● Habacuc asked if Lori is able to talk to local universities to add a dental program. ● Lori can discuss again, but recruiting professors to provide instruction is a barrier. ● The Health Dept received a HRSA grant to look at dental access. That group is still operating at AHEC, working to recruit dentists, working through schools. Loan payback has not successfully incentivized providers to move to the area. ● Christina added that oral health is highlighted as a need in the CHNA. We may want to consider adding an objective or strategy to add provider recruitment under access to care. ● Josh suggested reaching out to Heather Mahler at the Community Foundation to serve on the committee. 	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NOTE TIME AND LOCATION UPDATE:</p> <p>Friday, December 2, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. Rebirth Inc • 225 N Division Street • Salisbury MD 21801</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.</p>	