



Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 5, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Name:	<i>Wicomico Local Health Improvement Coalition</i>	Meeting Location:	<i>Greater Salisbury Committee Building</i>
Meeting Date:	<i>Friday, August 5, 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>Dr. James Cockey (WiCHD), Mary Beth Waide (DHHC), Katherine Rodgers (TidalHealth), Tammy Griffin (WiCHD), Cathey Insley (WiCHD) Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Christina Gray (WiCHD), Paula Erdie (MAC, Inc), Habacuc Petion (Rebirth), Edelline Petion (Rebirth), Rochelle Tyler (TidalHealth), Cathy Woodward (WDSS), Lori Brewster (WiCHD), Lore Chambers (St. James AME Zion Church), Tuesday Trott (Holly Center), Mae Esh (Holly Center), Joann Manole (Grace Center)</i>		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Kat Rodgers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and self-introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	Habacuc Petion made a motion to approve April minutes, seconded by Tammy Griffin and carried.	
2022 Wicomico County Health Rankings	<p>Christina Gray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data brief is available at wicomico.health.org. ● Released annually for the last 10 years. ● Health rankings are a program of the University of Wisconsin Population Health with a grant from the Robert Woods Johnson foundation. ● The data brief provides a general overview of the findings released in the 2022 CHR, including current Wicomico County rankings, how our data compares to other areas in the state and how our county data has changed over time. ● Now looking at social determinants of health, including living wage. ● County ranked better than the state in preventable hospitalizations, lower injury death rate, lower alcohol impaired driving deaths. ● Access to care: doing well (3rd in the state) in the ratio of MH providers in the county to the number of residents. ● Lower ratio of primary care providers: residents specific to MDs and DOs. When you include NPs and PAs, we are 2nd best in the state. ● Additional positive trends: teen birth rate has decreased 20% in the last 5 years. ● STI rates have almost doubled over the last 5 years. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Habacuc asked how data is obtained from the immigrant population.</i> 	

- The data presented is not health department driven.
- Have made the request to the census to take a deeper dive into the immigrant community.

Health Officer Updates

Lori Brewster, Health Officer

Ethylene Oxide (EtO)

- Health Officers met this morning with the EPA, MDE and MDH to discuss Ethylene Oxide.
- EPA is the lead agency.
- EPA press release went out over concern of 23 locations nationwide that are of concern, including Trinity Sterile in Salisbury and 2 others in Maryland.
- Ethylene Oxide is released when sterilizing medical equipment and manufacturing certain spices.
- EtO is cancer causing.
- MDH is pulling cancer registry data in an identified area around Trinity Sterile, and feels confident that Trinity Sterile will be removed from the concern list after data is reviewed. Two other sites in Maryland are spice manufacturing companies.
- Public Webinar planned for **August 10th at 6 pm** (link to EPA registration page on health department [website](#))
- EPA is updating risk analysis, but don't anticipate it being ready by August 10th webinar.

Master Water/Sewer Plan

- Health department is working with the county on a master water and sewer plan to address some of the aging/failing systems in the county and what can be done.
- 5 priority areas identified:
 - Whitehaven, Bivalve/Nanticoke, Parsonsburg, Coulbourne Mill, and around the city.
- City services map not contiguous with the city map.
- Process has been ongoing with the Maryland Dept of Planning for the last year. Needs to be changed by amendment; will work with municipalities to see what they are able to take on.
- Looking at priority funding for areas that may need a centralized system and are not able to afford to do so.

Monkeypox (MPX)

- Health department has received a small amount of vaccine; dedicated to known contacts of positive cases.
- The President has declared MPX a PH emergency.
- Have been investigating a few cases, with initial contacts sent to PG county for vaccine.

Network reconnection

- Last December there was a state network connection issue, and state agencies are not yet reconnected.
- Health departments had three options for reconnection:
- Connect to the county network: County not able to take on the health department due to amount of HIPAA protected information associated with health departments.
- Connect to MDH: To connect to MDH LHDs would have to agree to have their IT staff move to MDH as their employees, with no ability to utilize our own IT staff without going through at state IT help desk. Those staff would also be able to be pulled to other jurisdictions.
- Connect to Department of Information Technology (doIT). Wicomico chose to connect directly to doIT, and

	<p>hope to connect by the end of September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are 11 counties connecting to MDH and 6 connecting by doIT. Many smaller counties connecting to MDH since there is more financial assistance. ● Currently have limited access to resources (printers, scanner, etc, connecting to state systems) <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Habacuc asked about MPX transmission and mortality, required isolation?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a vaccine, only for those that are known contacts of a positive case. ○ Positive cases are treated with antivirals, and there is a required quarantine period. 	
<p>CHIP Review</p>	<p>Lisa Renegar, Wicomico County Health Department: Reviewed Health Department data and measures relating to the Community Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p>COAT highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 92.3% of individuals reached at follow up are still in recovery. ● Outreach services provided to 950 individuals (duplicated count). ● 62.5% (unduplicated) linked to treatment. ● Navigation services provided for 170 individuals. ● Largest portion of individuals served by the COAT program are 25-34 and 35-44 year olds; 66% male; 39.7% report homelessness; 66% caucasian. ● Alcohol remains the primary drug of choice, followed by heroin and crack/cocaine. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Kat asked that the goal for each target be included in the charts.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lisa shared that originally there were not goals, but plan to incorporate moving forward. Compare demographic data to county census data. ● <i>Dr. Cockey asked how “drug of choice” is obtained.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lisa will follow up with peers to determine how this self reported data is obtained. ● <i>Habacuc asked if Haitian members served could be listed separately from the African American population so services can be directed to their community.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kat shared that CHRC does not ask for Haitian ethnicity but TidalHealth made the decision to capture the demographic on their own. ● <i>Habacuc also mentioned that there is a housing crisis among some homeless in the Haitian community that work until after shelter entry times. Looking for a temporary shelter option for individuals in this situation.</i> <p>Opioid Intervention Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Many goals were impacted by COVID, particularly the trailer, and distribution of prescription disposal bags, which are typically given out with trailer education. ● Exceeded targets for community events, LOFRT meetings, and messaging. ● First Responder dinner - have found that first responders are not particularly interested; will look at options. 	

	<p>BCCP and CPEST Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exceeded screening goal with 357 completed, and 36 individuals received case management (goal 25). ● 57 outreach events completed. <p>Kat Rodgers, TidalHealth: Reviewed TidalHealth data and measures relating to the Implementation Strategy Plan.</p> <p>PEARLS - Partnership with MAC, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 184 enrolled. Referrals continue to increase; seeing positive impacts. ● 13 Chronic Disease Self Management Classes held, with 87% completion rate and 94% knowledge change based on pre/post test surveys. <p>SWIFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Don't have a full year's worth of data yet to accurately reflect successes. ● Number of patients served (24) indicates new patients; continue to serve those enrolled in previous years. <p>Wagner Wellness Van</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 97 community events and 1,275 encounters through the van. ● Nurse completed 320 blood pressure screenings, 52 diabetes risk assessments, 718 flu shots and 127 covid vaccinations (includes home visits) <p>Cancer Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Screenings not held due to COVID restrictions. ● Provided prevention information to 350 through the Wellness Team at community based clinics and events where van was set up. ● Return to Cancer Screening project using MyChart to create awareness of screenings. 	
<p>Meeting Structure & Health Priority Areas</p>	<p>Lisa Renegar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisa discussed the structure of reporting on CHIP. ● Would like to look at addressing one priority area at each LHIC meeting and possibly have a presenter at each meeting on that priority area. ● In the interest of time, Lisa will follow up for input by email. 	
<p>WiCHD Healthy Disparities Grant</p>	<p>Tammy Griffin, Director of Prevention, Wicomico County Health Department:</p> <p>Overweight Obesity and Diabetes Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advertising has begun for the new year long Healthy Lifestyle Challenge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Wicomico residents looking to achieve better fitness, nutrition. ○ Partnering with YMCA and TidalHealth. Looking for additional partners for education, presentations, etc. (YouTube channel guests, etc.) ○ Currently 40 people registered; can join individually or as a team. ○ Three stations for bi-weekly weigh ins: YMCA, Adkins Building and TidalHealth South campus ○ Will promote a newly developed YouTube channel, text messaging, walking clubs. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to coaching and rewards/prizes. ○ Bi-directional referral system. ○ Social determinants of health screening and body composition screenings offered. ○ Referrals to primary care, if needed. ○ Kickoff event at YMCA on September 17th 1-4 pm; Register online or call 334-3480. <p>QUESTIONS: Rochelle asked if there is a maximum capacity for registrations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As of right now, there is no limitation. Rochelle asked if services are in person or virtual? <p>Health Disparities Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large grant in partnership with Rebirth Inc. ● Will ask for input from LHIC members as the grant progresses. ● Strategies to expand and establish prevention resources and services in the community. ● Plan to increase and improve data collection and reporting. ● Build and leverage infrastructure support and mobilizing partners/collaborators. ● Increase CHW network in the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rebirth will hire 2 outreach workers, and the health department will as well. ● Habacuc shared that Rebirth Inc will be purchasing equipment and hiring staff for a food pantry accessible once a week for pickup/distribution. ● CHWs will provide education in the community and through the radio station. ● Will enhance patient navigation for getting insurance and health services/resources when they complete their intake - can connect to resources at that time. ● Rebirth has established a baby closet after seeing a need in the community. 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Mae Esh, Holly Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mae is retiring at the end of August. ● Holly Center census is at 51. ● Plans are underway to re-establish the Aquatic Program for the residents using their therapeutic pool on campus. The Holly Center Citizens Advisory Board members are working with Holly Center staff to determine what additional resources are needed to resume pool services for the residents, primarily during their Day Services program. Once this program is up and running, the plan is to eventually open the pool up to other adult groups in the community with special needs, such as the MAC Arthritis group, etc. ● COVID restrictions are still in place, but not as restrictive as it was at peak. ● Medical Director Dr. Waris will be working with TidalHealth interns, on a two week rotation starting in the fall, particular focus on palliative care. <p>Habacuc Petion, Rebirth, Inc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holding a resource fair every other Tuesday at Wicomico Presbyterian Church, partnering with TidalHealth and HOPE. Provide food to take home, including fresh fruits and vegetables. <p>Tammy Griffin, Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At a recent training through the Carefirst grant Vaughn Perry presented on the 11th Street Bridge Project. 	

	<p>Through the project, a portion of the Anacostia bridge is being turned into a park. 11th Street Bridge Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Perry’s specialty is equity, and he provided leadership training for grantees. ● Gauging interest in bringing him in as a presenter at a future meeting. <p>Lisa Renegar, Health Planner - post meeting updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Health Needs Assessment is released. Link to assessment sent out via email and is also available on our website. ● WiCHD, along with TidalHealth and Somerset County Health Department are now using the results of the assessment and working with consultant to complete our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). ● Behavioral Health Work Group prepping for strategic planning in October to develop a three year plan. 	
NEXT MEETING	Friday, October 7, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m. at the Greater Salisbury Building	
ADJOURNMENT	Habacuc made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paula Erdie. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.	
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022 County Health Rankings 2. Fiscal Year 2022 Report for Implementation Strategy Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan 3. Wicomico County Health Lifestyle Challenge 	