

Wicomico County Local Health Improvement Coalition Meeting Minutes Friday, August 3, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Name:Wicomico Local Health Improvement CoalitionMeeting Location:Wicomico Co. Health Dept. Pinto RoomMeeting Date:Friday, August 3, 2018Minutes Recorder:Cathey InsleyMeeting Time:9:00 a.m.Minutes Reviewer:Group

Meeting Attendees and Organizational

Representation:

Lisa Renegar (WiCHD), Christine Chestnutt (City of Salisbury), Cathey Insley (WiCHD), Alane Capen (Coastal Hospice), Stephanie Elliott (PRMC), Dhruti Patel (UM Extension), Jennifer Berkman (ESAHEC), James Cockey (WiCHD), Steve Walas (HS Ches Rehab), Doug Wilson (RRC), Tammy Griffin (WiCHD), Rev. Thomas Tucker (CEC Inc.)

Mae Esh (Holly Center), Jami Truitt (Wicomico DSS), Mary Beth Waide (DHHC)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME	Mary Beth Waide called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dhruti Patel, of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension introduced herself to the group as a new member.	
MINUTES APPROVAL	June minutes correction: Bed capacity at HealthSouth now stands at 64, not 54 as reflected in the minutes.	Cathey has corrected.
	 After a third meeting in a row with not enough voting members to approve minutes, members present at the June meeting agreed to poll all voting members regarding allowing a majority of members present at any meeting to approve minutes. 19 voting members responded, 100% in agreement. Doug shared that he had thought more about this, and the change could potentially allow as few as 2 or 3 to be a majority, and opened for other approval options: Doug suggested possibly using proxy votes prior to the meeting when voting members know they will not be present. Cathey suggested including a google form link when emailing minutes following each meeting. This would allow all members to vote yes/no/yes with changes requested. Mary Beth suggested looking at different levels of LHIC membership. 	
	There was a motion to approve minutes by email using a google poll, approved by all. Will implement with August 2018 minutes.	VOTE HERE
	Steve suggested reaching out to members that haven't attended, which has been done in the past, and can be done again.	Lisa and Cathey will follow up.

PRESENTATION

Christine Chestnutt, City of Salisbury Housing and Homelessness Manager

Housing First video on YouTube

Theo Williams recently moved to Washington DC; Christine promoted to Housing First Manager. City identified need for organized street outreach to chronically homeless and transition to housing. Housing First is researched based. Provide housing first, then provide services.

Salisbury is the first small city to use the model, using Targeted Case Management.

Require individuals to contribute a percentage of their income toward rent.

Success: Served 19 households. 70% success rate - goal is 75-80.

Doug asked about transportation costs. Christine explained that one participant has a car, others have bikes and access to transportation. At inception of program, purchased bus tickets.

Jenn Berkman asked about the program funding base. Mayor put \$97k in the budget. Other funding comes from HUD. Looking to write a proposal for corporate sponsorship. (Currently looking for a case manager, once hired will allow more time to seek sponsorships.)

Stephanie Elliott asked if they are a United Way partner. Currently working with mayor Day to join.

Dr. Tucker asked about partnership with housing authority, which is established. Also have relationships with property managers - using private homes that are rental units.

Mae Esh asked the percentage of those helped with disability? All have SMI and some are also physically disabled. Particular difficulty finding fully ADA compliant housing for double amputee.

PRESENTATION

Priya Arokinswamy, BHA Office of Evidence-Based Practice, Housing and Recovery Supports

Priya discussed the SAMSHA initiative for Permanent Supportive Housing, and shared homeless data from across the state, and on the lower shore.

12% chronic homeless adults nationally. 61% are men. In Maryland, there are over 7K individual.

Homelessness point in time from 2017 annual report on homelessness: <u>2017 link</u> Survey is done in January. The group discussed that much homelessness, particularly on the shore, is season. Lisa shared that at one time the survey was done in summer, and no significant variance was found.

Numbers of individuals receiving MH services and experiences homelessness include those receiving services (claims based) 2018 numbers are not final since providers have a year to submit claims.

Priya recommends watching the work of the Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness. <u>Link</u> Stephanie asked about success rates for critical time intervention. Priya estimates that 80% are still housed.

HEALTH DISPARITY	 Dr. Tucker shared that the Community Empowerment Center has been busy, and have been working with MOTA, focusing on diabetes. 4 sessions held reaching African American and and Hispanic communities. Synar - working to educate and train on access to tobacco Health Fair in June: saw ~200 people. Challenge was Wagner van was at a different address. Stephanie asked that anyone identified be referred to the van. Follow up is a challenge. 	Stephanie will share van contact phone at next event.
SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES	 Chronic Disease - Lisa Renegar: Live Healthy Wicomico is meeting monthly. State has promised 2016 ED visit rate data for diabetes and MH. (Have been using 2014 data.) Mark Danderson attending meetings, and shared data on diabetes treatment drugs Parks/Recs working with doctors on Parks rx program where doctors prescribe outdoor park exercise. The group has discussed adding benches with chip that tracks participants by smartphone as they pass the bench. Next meeting - schools presenting data on fitness and obesity levels for youth. Behavioral Health - Lisa Renegar: 	
	 Next meeting will be held in September. Working on work in LBHA plan. Completed warm handoff guidance for doctors admitting to psychiatric treatment. Working on catalog of data sources. LBHA - plan for warm handoff from jail/hospital to treatment Health Equity workshop at the end of June went well. August 31st is Overdose Awareness day. Event at Sby City Bandstand from 5:30 - 8:30. 	
HEALTH OFFICER UPDATES	 Lori sends her apologies for not being able to attend. For those not aware, Lori is currently serving as Acting Health Officer in Somerset County while they search for a Health Officer. Meeting weekly with County Executive on plans for converting the former Poplar Hill facility on Nanticoke Road into a treatment facility. Working cooperatively with the state, with buy-in from the Governor. Working with PRMC to jointly complete Community Health Needs Assessment surveys. WiCHD is working to translate surveys. SurveyMonkey link will be sent separately. 4 focus groups will be held in Salisbury, Crisfield and Pocomoke. Additionally, a health professionals focus group will be scheduled. 	Members are asked to share survey with their contacts.
PARTNER UPDATES	 Stephanie Elliott - Peninsula Regional Medical Center 45 patients enrolled in SWIFT. Nurse Practitioner and EMS go out on first visit. Follow up with RN, eventual following CHW. Have seen a significant decrease in ED visits and EMS calls. \$185K Carefirst funding to continue. 	

	Received a MIEMSS Executive Director's Award for Excellence in EMS in May.	
	 Jami Truitt - Wicomico Department of Social Services Did not receive COC grant this year for rental/utility assistance. Referring those that walk in to Diakonia and Seton Center, grantees this year. Offering mobile service 2 days a week in Salisbury. No word yet on schedule. Intake lines for referral. Stephanie thinks they will be with Wagner Wellness van. 	
	 Mary Beth Waide - Deer's Head Hospital Center Job Fair scheduled for August 24th from 10 - 2. Flyers shared. Dr. Coker is now medical director at DHHC. 	
	 Alane Capen - Coastal Hospice Working with PRMC education session 10/11 cognitive impairment coping with disease progression Residential hospice building in process (in Worcester). Looking to hire medication technician. Hope to open January 1. 	
	 Jenn Berkman - Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center Submitted HRSA grant for opioid prevention to replicate COAT in Somerset. Working with law enforcement and health department. Having Lori as acting Health Officer will be helpful in this process. HRSA requires developing AHEC scholars program. Multi D approach Looking for practice sites that are willing to accept 2 of the disciplines, which is challenging. Looking at FQHCs. Asthma intervention project with School Based Wellness Centers, funded by CareFirst. Goal is to reduce ED usage for asthma. Participating in a national webinar to discuss replicating the "Tooth Fairy's Helper" dental/oral health prevention education program. 	
	 Dhruti Patel - University of Maryland Extension Working on proposal to invite key stakeholders on how to talk sensitively to farm community on depression/suicide in the farming community. Will be a statewide project. Would like help identifying stakeholders. 	
NEXT MEETING	Friday, October 5, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. Pinto Conference Room, 108 East Main Street, Salisbury	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 pm.	
ATTACHMENTS	 Christine Chestnutt presentation slides Priya Arokinswamy presentation slides Deer's Head Health Fair flyer Food Bank Community Discussion flyer Overdose Awareness Day flyer 	