

**Worcester County Health Department  
Worcester County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC)  
Thursday, August 17, 2023  
Virtual – 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:** *Alyce Marzola, Atlantic General Hospital (AGH), Andra Taylor, Somerset County Health Department, Bibta Pradhan, Worcester County Health Department (WCHD), Blair Inniss, Legal Resource Center, Dana Moncrief, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Ellen Willingham, Johns Hopkins Health Plans-Priority Partners MCO, Emily Paterson, Maryland Poison Center, Genet Burka, WCHD, Jackie Ward, WCHD, Jaclyn Sturgis, WCHD, Jessica Sexauer, Local Management Board (LMB)/ Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA), Julie Krenzer, CareFirst Population Health, Katherine Rodgers, TidalHealth, Karen Hughes, Life Crisis Center, Keirsten DeBoer, Deer’s Head Hospital Center, Kelly Shockley, WCHD, Lauren Blair, Coastal Hospice, Lauren King, Coastal Hospice, Mary Beth Waide, Deer’s Head Hospital Center, Melissa Huber, Perry Point VA Medical Center (VAMC), Melissa Kelly, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Mike Trader, WCHD, Nykol Mariano, Wellpoint, Tina Simmons, AGH*

**Minutes by:** Bibta Pradhan

Discussion	Action
<p><b>Welcome</b> Jackie Ward opened the meeting and welcomed everyone into the meeting at 8:33am</p>	
<p><b>Review and Approval of the Minutes from June 15, 2023</b> Karen Huges made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mary Beth Waide seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from June 15, 2023 were approved as written.</p>	
<p><b>Introductions/Partner Updates</b> Introductions were done via Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Katherine Rodgers, Director of Community Health Initiatives at TidalHealth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ REACH (Rural Equity and Access to Community Health) grant funded by CHRC (Community Health Resource Commission) - now expanding the zipcode for the services of the project from Berlin to Crisfield. Previously it was for Salisbury, Eden, PrincessAnne, Pocomoke and Snow Hill.</li> <li>○ Mini Grant opportunities for community based organizations/faith based organizations addressing Social Determinants of Health or any disparities. Total of \$20,000 is available for 4-5 projects. Application is due by August 25, 2023</li> <li>○ Annual Drive through Flu Clinic-September 29, 2023. It will be a fully electronic process.</li> <li>○ <a href="http://healthydelmarva.org">healthydelmarva.org</a> website is live and includes Somerset County Health Department, Wicomico County Health Department and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Rochelle will be reaching out to WCHD</p> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:Katherine.rodgers@tidalhealth.org">Katherine.rodgers@tidalhealth.org</a> for application if interested</p>

TidalHealth's Community Health Improvement Plan. Also adding a dynamic calendar of all chronic disease prevention and management programming as a part of the REACH grant.

- Reach for Health Campaign's purpose is to drive people to the healthydelmarva website and to the calendar.
- [Findhelp](#) platform is live.
- Mary Beth Waide, Chief Executive Officer, Deer's Head Hospital Center
  - In July, Deer's Head celebrated its 73rd birthday.
- Alice Marzola, Atlantic General Hospital
  - Flu Clinics-
    - October 2, 2023 at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church in Ocean City from 10am to 1pm
    - October 4, 2023 at Worcester County Government building in Snow Hill
    - October 9, 2023 at Pocomoke Fire Department
    - October 14, 2023-Mobile Vans on Harbor day at the docks in West Ocean City
    - Wor-Wic Community College - TBD
    - Stevenson United Methodist Church - TBD
    - October 18, 2023 at Spirit kitchen
    - November - several other events in Town of Ocean City, Pocomoke and Snow Hill
- Tina Simmons, Atlantic General Hospital
  - August 19, 2023 - Walk with the Doc at the pond in Ocean Pines. Education on vaccines by the pharmacist at 9am. Other vaccines (like COVID-19, Shingles) will also be provided if needed by the community members in the designated Flu clinics.
- Keran Hughes, Life Crisis Center
  - Parenting class is now open for everyone to refer to. Seven week class starting August 23rd from 12pm-1:30pm at 424 West Market St, Snow Hill. Attending the first class is a requirement.
- Jackie Ward, Health Planner, WCHD
  - Suicide prevention and awareness events in September
    - Evening of Reflection on September 22, 2023 at Public Landing Pier in Snow Hill
    - Out Of the Darkness Walk (OODW) on September 23, 2023 at Northside Park 200 125th St, Ocean City
- Lauren Blair, Community Relations and Development Manager, Coastal Hospice
  - It is official now that Stansell House at Ocean Pines is able to accommodate patients for general in-patient care as well
- Emily Paterson, Maryland Poison Center
  - [What You Should Know About Cannabis](#)
  - [What You Need to Know About Edibles](#)
  - Jackie Ward also shared Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA)

Call Karen Hughes at 410-860-4525 to register

Contact Lisa Shockley to register for the Evening of Reflection at [lisa.shockley1@maryland.gov](mailto:lisa.shockley1@maryland.gov) or call 443-754-0689

Register and Donate for OODW at [afsp.org/oceancity](https://afsp.org/oceancity)

Contact Lisa Shockley at [lisa.shockley1@maryland.gov](mailto:lisa.shockley1@maryland.gov) if interested to be a vendor on the day of the walk

resources

- [Storing Cannabis Safely](#)
- [Maryland Cannabis Administration](#)
- [Responsible Use Educational Materials - Request Form](#)
- Kelly Shockley, Nurse Case Manager for Colorectal Cancer Screening Program and Health Coordinator for Adult Tobacco Cessation, WCHD
  - CRF tobacco mini grants - RFPs for tobacco enforcement and tobacco disparities are due by Friday August 18th at 4:30 pm and will be reviewed by a review team on August 25th
  - Tobacco cessation program
    - Middle and High School peer leadership training in October
    - Offering adult and youth smoking cessation, virtual as well as in person training available
    - Sending out community surveys for best days, times and locations for the trainings for future groups
    - Alcohol and Tobacco compliance recognition events on September 11th. The video will premiere on the WCHD YouTube channel at 10am.
    - Working with Worcester County Recreation and Parks after school program to provide education on Healthy Lifestyles
  - Colorectal cancer screening programs
    - Busy with referrals from other community partners for colon cancer screening (5 patients in the month of July and August)
    - New locations were added to expand the outreach, in centers like Your Doc's In. Outreach is done once a month
    - Requirements to enroll in the program: Worcester County residents; Underinsured/uninsured; 45 years and older; 18 years and older with symptoms of colon cancer.
- Mike Trader, Program Director, Planning Unit, WCHD
  - [Maryland Rural Health Conference](#) on October 22-24 in Ocean City
  - Creating a formal membership of this group - will be sending out form in the near future
- Dana Moncrief, Director, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, MDH
  - Presentation on Adult Use Cannabis Legalization in Maryland. Powerpoint is attached separately.

Contact Dana Moncrief at [dana.moncrief@maryland.gov](mailto:dana.moncrief@maryland.gov) if you have any questions

Presentation slides and recording will be sent out by Jackie Ward after the meeting.

**Adjournment**

- Mike Trader made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tina Simmons seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23am

**Next LHIC meeting is on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 8:30am - HYBRID via [Zoom](#)**

**Meeting ID: 899 3261 0871 Passcode: 255075 Phone Number: 301 715 8592 & IN-PERSON at the Health Department at 6040 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863**