

Worcester County Health Department
Worcester County Health Planning Advisory Council
Thursday, April 22, 2021
Virtual 8:30 AM

Present: Jackie Ward, *Worcester County Health Department (WCHD)*, Teresa Tyndall, *Wor-Wic Community College*, Dr. Darlene Jackson-Bowen, *Berlin Works Coalition and Mosaic Community Services*, Crystal Heiser, *Chief Advisory Board for Snow Hill Police Department and Home Instead*, Trish Kesecker, *Maryland Physicians Care*, Melinda Mattox, *Chesapeake Healthcare*, Lillian Wilkinson, *Worcester County Department of Social Services (DSS)*, Crystal Bell, *WCHD*, Ellen Willingham, *Priority Partners*, Tracy Ritter, *United Way*, Rachael Elliott, *DSS*, Alane Capen, *Coastal Hospice*, Audrey Wahl, *Community Member*, Dr. Jennifer Leggour, *Worcester Youth and Family*, Ron Fisher, *Community Member*, Keirsten Baker, *Deers Head Hospital Center*, Blair Inniss, *University of Maryland: Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy*, Rebecca Jones, *WCHD*, Mimi Dean, *WCHD*, Rev. Frances Fritchett, *Girdletree Church*, Dr. Genet Burka, *WCHD*, Sue Buhrt, *WCHD*, Abbie Bridges, *Horowitz Fellowship*, Cassi Blake, *DSS*, Jennifer LaMade, *WCHD*, Michael Trader, *WCHD*, Jacquelin Parker, *Habitat for Humanity*, Kat Rodgers, *Tidal Health*, Jessica Sexauer, *WCHD*, Travis Brown, *WCHD*, Derek Jarmon, *Worcester Recreation and Parks*, Gail Mansell, *Atlantic General Hospital (AGH)*, Kim Justice, *AGH*

Minutes

By: Beverly Wallerius

Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome Teresa Tyndall called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.</p>	
<p>Minutes Minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jackie Ward and seconded by Audrey Wahl.</p>	
<p>Updates Blair Inniss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legal Resource Center of Maryland is having a virtual 5th annual Tobacco Conference on May 12-13, 2021. For additional information, contact Blair at binniss@law.umaryland.edu. <p>Dr. Darlene Jackson-Bowen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Berlin Town Hall – April 22, 2021 • Narcan Training – April 24, 2021 from 10-2 • Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10-2 at the Berlin Police Department <p>Derek Jarmon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Camp and Specialty Camps are ready to go. If you have any ideas to collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Department, suggestions are welcome. • Programs include: Youth Basketball Instructional League; Active Start Field Hockey; Fishing Derby; Run, Jump, and Throw; Tennis Stroke Clinic; Lunch Time Fitness 	

Jacquelin Park

- Looking for veterans with critical repairs. For more information visit [Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County : Family Services : Veterans Build \(habitatworcester.org\)](http://HabitatforHumanityofWorcesterCounty:FamilyServices:VeteransBuild(habitatworcester.org))

Dr. Jennifer Leggour

- Worcester Youth and Families Mentor Program is looking for male mentors for grades 1-12.
- Clinical program for telehealth has a wait list of 90 people

Jessica Sexauer

- Working with Vulnerable Population Task Force. On Saturday, April 24, 2021, there will be a resource event at the West Ocean City Park and Ride from 10 AM to 12 PM. Availability for walk-in COVID-19 vaccines.

Kat Rodgers

- To date Tidal Health has administered 39,180 COVID-19 vaccines. There are open appointments.
- Working with language barriers, transportation issues, and working with Haitian, Creole, and Latino communities.
- Traveling to Delaware to a mobile home park this weekend to administer vaccines.
- Mass vaccination clinics are operating from 9 am until 5 pm and COVID-19 vaccine clinics are operating from 7 AM to 7 PM in Salisbury.
- Opened up another clinic, Home Scripts Pharmacy in Ocean Pines.
- Call Center for questions about Tidal Health Clinics call 410-912-6968

Trish Kesecker

- Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin is holding their third annual Motherhood Walk on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Showell Park. To walk, be a partner or vendor please call Amanda Clark at 443-513-4124.

Keirsten Baker

- Still conducting COVID-19 testing and administering vaccines to staff.

Melinda Mattox

- Plans have been approved for a large practice site in Berlin to serve adults, pediatrics, and mental health patients.

Lillian Wilkinson

- Department of Social Services is closed to the public.

Mike Trader

- Mental Health patients are being seen via telehealth
- School-based therapists are back in the schools
- Peer Support and Case Managers are accessible in the community
- Will touch base with Dr. Leggour to help with their waiting list

Becky Jones

- Virtual Public Health Conference was a success. Would like to thank everyone that attended and the staff knocked it out of the park.
- Discussed COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Isolation and Quarantine
- Enforcement of all complaints filed with the State. There has been a decrease in the volume of complaints.
- Continues to be all hands on deck.
- Partnership with EMS at Northside Park
- Mobile Units are being used for various sectors in our community
- The Worcester County Health Department currently has 254 employees
- Vaccinating those that are home bound
- Addressing vaccine hesitancy
- 87 community based clinics
- 11,277 total population of Worcester County of 35.5% have been vaccinated
- Governor Hogan says that facemasks are still part of the Executive Order. Link to that order is https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2561_001.pdf
- Senior Centers are reopening
- We have been working with Worcester County Parks and Recreation, Ocean Pines, and Ocean City reviewing their plans and strategies for COVID-19 prevention.
- There are a lot of viruses out there, so wash your hands, cover your mouth, and stay home if sick.
- Worcester County is once again offering rabies vaccinations. Rabies vaccines will be offered on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 5:30 until 7 pm. To schedule an appointment call 410-352-3234 and ask to speak to Angela or Ryan.

Ellen Willingham

- Many folks facing evictions
- It was recommended that they try Maryland Access Point at 410-632-9915
- Also can contact Department of Social Services at 410-632-9915
- Commission on Aging 410-632-1277
- Ellen noted that Amanda Holden, Program Supervisor for WCHD's Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program (LSHIAP) is doing a great job getting face to face with the community.

Tracey Ritter

- Working with 40 non-profit partners
- Heighten awareness of Opioid Awareness Campaign
- Participate on the Vulnerable Population Task Force
- In process of developing a mobile app to help everyone do their work

Travis Brown

- Discussed Media Campaigns, Television and radio campaigns, and COVID-19 Hesitancy Campaign
- Worcester County Health Department Virtual Public Health Conference will be posted on our website

Kim Justice

- Currently working on vaccination appointments
- The Atlantic General Hospital has opened up visitation
- Busy with non-COVID-19 things

Jackie Sturgis

- Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid on June 22, 2021, but class is full. There will be other opportunities to take this course this year.

Mimi Dean

- Getting information out to the public about COVID-19 vaccines
- Public relations handled by Summer Widmyer and Travis Brown
- Looking at other sectors: Youth, not speaking English, Faith Based Organizations, Maryland Access Point
- Radio, television ads, newspaper articles, our website, and social media are ways that we are getting information out there to our communities

LHIC Charter Revisions – Jennifer LaMade

- Addition of Key Stakeholders/Sectors section in Article 2 Members page 2-3
- Addition of Article 10 Financial Support on page 7
- Motion was made to approve the revisions to the Local Health Improvement Coalition Charter by Alane Capan and seconded by Ron Fisher. The motion was passed.

LHICs and Community Engagement Discussion and Survey – Abbie Bridges

- Reviewed the survey with the LHIC.
- Mike Trader would like to see more Public Safety representation on the LHIC committee.
- Mimi Dean suggested that community members be used as champions for change.

Prevention Updates

Cancer Prevention Update – Mimi Dean

- Twila Fykes is continuing to recruit for colon cancer screening.

Tobacco Update – Crystal Bell

Cigarette Restitution Fund

- Adult and Youth tobacco cessation classes for 14-17 are being offered online and in person.
- Adults 18 and older can get medication support.
- People needing nicotine gum, lozenges or nicotine patches should visit the Maryland Tobacco Quit line which is 1-800-784-8669
- New video developed to educate retailers about the law and train staff

Enforcement Funds

- Available to non-governmental entities for \$2,000 to educate tobacco retailers about laws related to youth access. For more information, contact Crystal Bell at crystal.bell1@maryland.gov.

Tri-County Tobacco Awareness Day

- An anti-vape and tobacco video is being shared with schools and community groups. During the month of April, students are encouraged to share what they are doing in their schools or community to be entered into a free raffle drawing.

Chronic Disease Update – Crystal Bell

Maryland Department of Health LHIC Funding

- The WCHD was awarded funding to implement activities from the MD Diabetes State Action Plan.

LHIC Mini-Grant Funding

- The WCHD is requesting proposals to address diabetes in Worcester County. The Request for Proposal was sent out on December 17, 2020 that listed key strategies and eligible activities. Community-based organizations, churches, private entities, non-profits, and workplaces are encourage to apply. Applications must be returned by Friday, May 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Crystal Bell at crystal.bell1@maryland.gov.

Just Walk/Physical Activity

- Promoting this free program as well as safe places to walk. To join visit www.justwalkworchester.org

Prevention and Wellness Programs

- Currently enrolling for the following: Healthy Lifestyle Classes at the Atlantic Club, Diabetes Prevention Program online, and Worcester Wellness Weigh

Dr. Darlene Jackson-Bowen made a motion to adjourn and Ellen Willingham seconded that motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Next Meeting

Next Worcester County LHIC Meeting will be virtual on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.