

Worcester County Health Department
Worcester County Health Planning Advisory Council
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Virtual 9:00 AM

Present: Jackie Ward, *Worcester County Health Department (WCHD)*, Jackie Sturgis, *WCHD*, Bibta Pradhan, *WCHD*, Mike Trader, *WCHD*, Josh Davis, *Ocean Pines Marketing*, Genet Burka, *WCHD*, Debra Stevens, *WCHD*, Jessica Sexauer, *WCHD*, Mimi Dean, *WCHD*, Kat Rodgers, *Tidal Health*, Lillian Wilkinson, *Worcester County Department of Social Services*, Crystal Bell, *WCHD*, Tanisha Armstrong, *Tri-Community Mediation*, Ellen Willingham, *Priority Partners*, Julie Krenzer, *John Hopkins Healthcare*, Miya Horsey, *Wicomico LCT*, Jill Kenney, *MAC, Inc.*, Ron Fisher, *Community Member*, Jennifer LaMade, *WCHD*, Travis Brown, *WCHD*, Sue Buhrt, *WCHD*, and Beverly Wallerius, *WCHD*

Minutes
By: Beverly Wallerius

Discussion	Action						
<p>Welcome Teresa Tyndall called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.</p>							
<p>Promote Healthy Lifestyle and Prevent Chronic Disease <u>COVID-19 Updates – Debra Stevens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worcester County is doing well data matrix case file and vaccines for confirmed and non-confirmed. • 3,620 Worcester County cases of COVID confirmed (PCR tests) • 1,653 probable COVID cases (rapid antigen tests) • 5,163 Total cases in Worcester County to date • 1.4% positivity rate in Worcester County • 1.87% positivity rate in the State of Maryland • 95% of the cases in Worcester County are considered recovered • 5,032 cases recovered from COVID • 99 deaths (98 confirmed and 1 probable) • Deaths have dropped dramatically • Worcester County continues with highest % of County residents that have been vaccinated 44.2% • 74.6% of Worcester County residents 65 and older have been vaccinated • 79.9 is the State average for residents 65 and older that have been vaccinated • Pfizer will now be offered to kids over the age of 12 so now kids 12-18 can be vaccinated • 7.6% of kids 12-18 are fully vaccinated is Worcester County average • 13.7% of kids 12-18 are fully vaccinated is the State average • Population 12-18 - 1 dose 33.7% <p>Tidal Health personnel vaccinated</p> <table style="margin-left: 200px;"> <tr> <td>Stephen Decatur High School</td> <td>34 kids</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snow Hill High School</td> <td>32 kids</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pocomoke High School</td> <td>24 kids</td> </tr> </table>	Stephen Decatur High School	34 kids	Snow Hill High School	32 kids	Pocomoke High School	24 kids	
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Atlantic General personnel vaccinated the following:

Snow Hill middle school	10 kids
Berlin middle school	14 kids
Stephen Decatur	45 kids
Pocomoke middle school	3 kids

- WCHD gets daily reports that are sorted by zip codes.
- Equity issues by race
- Under age 65 African Americans Worcester County residents 25% are vaccinated
- Under age 65 White Worcester County residents 34% are vaccinated
- Worcester County African American residents over 65 and 22.8% are vaccinated
- Worcester County White residents over 65 a total of 23.6% are vaccinated
- Worcester County Health Department has hosted over 120 individual vaccine clinics in 30 different locations to name just a few Henry Park, Sturgis Park, and Worcester County Park and Ride. This summer there will be clinics at the Caroline Street location and will advertise the clinics with banners on a plane and a boat.
- Homebound residents have been vaccinated
- Mimi Dean reported that staff are blanketing the community with flyers showing where the clinics will be each week. Want to include tourists at clinics.
- Governor Hogan is coming to Seacrets on Friday, June 4 at 2 pm.
- Investigating having a clinic at a farmers market.

Improve Access to Care

Mobile Integrated Community Health – Debra Stevens

- Use 911 more effectively
- Identify all 911 callers who frequently call 911 in the community
- \$25,000 Rural Health Grant – 4 years grant and a big thank you to Dr. Genet Burka for providing the data necessary to secure this Grant.
- This Grant will continue for the next 4 years.
- Looking at how we can sustain without grant funding.
- Worcester County Emergency Services, Worcester County Health Department, and Atlantic General Hospital along with paramedics will identify individuals needing smoke detectors, grab bars and help to get into primary care

Healthy Homes & Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative – Kat Rodgers

- Working with Chesapeake Housing Mission, community partner organizations, and health systems to focus on assessment that have impact issues. Part of program includes going into home to assess mold, mildew, HVAC, plumbing, bugs, steps; Grant funding to support many repairs.

Strengthen Behavioral Health Services

First Responder Appreciation & Mental Health Awareness – Jackie Sturgis

- Coordination for Mental Health First Aid from the First Responders’ Grant
- Submitting positive grant Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center – June 2020
 1. Ocean City Fire Department
 2. Worcester County Volunteer Fireman Association
- Normally a banquet would be held in Worcester County sponsored by the Drug and Alcohol Council, due to COVID that did not happen.
- Two firefighters have been trained as trainers in Mental Health First Aid
- Created a Mental Health awareness campaign
- A total of 315 individuals and 10 firehouses had food and demonstrated appreciation at their monthly meetings
- Worked on commercial with dispatch, police officers, and firefighter to promote the messaging “It’s ok not to be ok.”
- Jackie showed the commercial to the group

Worcester County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC)

Community Health Assessment Data Presentation – Dr. Genet Burka

- There will be two town hall meetings for the community.
- Slides will be shared after all town hall presentations are completed.

Jackie Sturgis made a motion to adjourn and Lil Wilkinson seconded that motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Next Meeting

Next Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) Meeting will be virtual on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.