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CHRC News

CHRC welcomes Nick Carpenter

Nick Carpenter is a 3rd year law student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Law School. After working for the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee as a Department of Legislative Services Fellow during the 2023 Legislative Session, Nick joined the CHRC as an Administrative Officer and is excited to make an impact by helping the CHRC improve healthcare access for underserved communities across Maryland.

Next CHRC Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Health Resources Commission will be held on June 5 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person at 45 Calvert Street in Annapolis. All Commission meetings are open to the public. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting can visit the CHRC website for the [meeting details](#).

FY 2023 Call for Proposals

On May 25, the CHRC held an implementation call for new grantees under its FY 2023 Call for Proposals. A recording of this call can be accessed at [Grantee Implementation Call](#) using the access code 87wh@&1*

Last month, CHRC Commissioners [voted](#) to award \$8.5 million to [21 applicants](#) from rural, suburban, and urban areas throughout the state. The FY 2023 Call for Proposals had four areas of focus: chronic disease, maternal and child health, behavioral health, and dental. These programs are expected to serve more than 14,000 Marylanders.

The CHRC anticipates issuing its FY 2024 Call for Proposals next year. More information will be shared in upcoming newsletters and on the CHRC website. For questions, please contact Jen Clatterbuck at:

Jen.Clatterbuck@maryland.gov or 410-260-6086.

UPDATE: Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

The Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports is an initiative to support student behavioral health and other related needs. The first RFP under this initiative is expected to be released during June.

Led by the Consortium's Outreach Subcommittee, chaired by Tammy Fraley from the Allegany County Board of Education, the Consortium is continuing outreach to local communities to discuss the Partnerships model and planning for the first RFP. Outreach briefings have been held with multiple stakeholder groups, and presentations can be accessed [HERE](#). To request a briefing, please contact Lorianne Moss at Lorianne.Moss@Maryland.gov or (410) 456-6525.

To view or download a flyer on the initiative, click [HERE](#). To sign up for the Consortium's mailing list, click [HERE](#).

Grantee News



Baltimore Medical System Opens New Clinic with Dental Care

Earlier this month, Baltimore Medical System (BMS) opened a new clinic at Yard 56 in southeast Baltimore, a medically underserved community experiencing a dental, mental health, and primary care health professional shortage. In March, the CHRC provided a grant to BMS to launch dental services in the new clinic and support the launch of the new Maryland Medicaid Dental Benefit. BMS's new site, located across from Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (JHBMC), is expected to provide care to 20,000 new low-income patients, including 3,250 patients seeking acute and preventative dental care. It will also divert non-emergency dental patients from emergency departments, ensuring those patients receive appropriate care while reducing hospital expenses.

The clinic will offer a range of health services to underserved communities and vulnerable populations regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay for care. Those services include integrated, language-appropriate family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, pharmacy, behavioral health, and dental care. The clinic will serve a diverse group of low-income Marylanders. This will be especially useful for Medicaid beneficiaries, including those eligible for the new Maryland Medicaid Dental Benefit, who make up 61% of BMS' patients.

Poor oral health has been linked to chronic illness (including heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes), poor quality of life, pregnancy and birth complications, communication problems, difficulty finding a job, social stigma, and academic struggles. BMS hopes to address both dental and non-dental health disparities by providing accessible dental care in communities where residents are more likely to experience chronic illness and less likely to visit the dentist. The Yard 56 site will also coordinate its care with social support services (including transportation, language interpretation, specialist referrals and appointments, community resources, and state and federal program eligibility and enrollment, for patients who would benefit from those services.

Click [HERE](#) to read an article about the new clinic in the Baltimore Sun.

Events and Grants

Residential Substance Use Treatment Services Grant Opportunity – Applications Due June 9

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) has released a Notice of Funding Availability from through their Residential Substance Use Treatment grant program. Approximately \$1.2 million to support substance use disorder treatment services in local detention centers is available through the program. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 9, 2023**. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Comprehensive Opioid Use Site-Based Program Grants - Deadline June 16

GOCPYVS also released a Notice of Funding Availability through their Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Opioid Use Site-Based Program (COAP). Approximately \$5.2 million is available through the program to support efforts to respond to illicit substance use and misuse; reduce overdose deaths; promote public safety; and support access to prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the community. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 16, 2023**. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Maryland Dental Action Coalition Summit - June 26

The Maryland Dental Action Coalition will host an in-person summit entitled: Expansion of Oral Health Coverage in Maryland - A Call to Action to Improve Health Equity. Meeting sessions will address the expansion of Maryland Medicaid dental coverage for adults, integration of oral care into maternal and child health education and outreach, and the importance of a diverse dental workforce. The summit will be held in person in Ellicott City on **June 26**. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Maternal Health Grants - Applications Due July 18

The HHS Office of Minority Health is seeking proposals for healthcare models that integrate community-based maternal support services into perinatal systems of care. Community support services include social and supportive services that address social determinants of health (i.e. health literacy, childbirth and parenting education, cultural and linguistic diversity, exposure to trauma, housing, food, transportation, etc.). **The deadline for applications is July 18**. A technical assistance webinar will be held on June 1. More information can be found [HERE](#).

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. For more information visit the [National Institute on Aging](#) for health information or the [Alzheimer's Association](#) for information on events and activities.

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