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# **COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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**Presented to:  
Women's Caucus**

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# BACKGROUND ON THE CHRC

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- **The Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) was created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005 to expand access for low-income Marylanders and underserved communities.**
- **Priorities and areas of focus include:**
  - Increase access to primary and specialty care through grants to community health resources (**not regulatory function**)
  - Promote projects that are **innovative, sustainable, and replicable**
  - Build capacity of safety net providers to serve more residents
  - Address social determinants of health and promote health equity

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- **The CHRC is an independent agency operating within the Maryland Department of Health.**
- **Eleven Commissioners of the CHRC are appointed by the Governor. There is currently one vacancy on the Commission.**

**Allan Anderson, M.D.**, CHRC Chairman

**Elizabeth Chung**, Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick

**Scott T. Gibson**, Vice President of Human Resources, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.

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**Erica I. Shelton, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine

**Carol Ivy Simmons, PhD**, Clinical Director, International Association of Firefighters Center of Excellence

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**Anthony C. Wisniewski, Esq.**, Chairman of the Board and Chief of External and Governmental Affairs, Livanta LLC

# IMPACT OF CHRC GRANTS

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The CHRC has awarded 205 grants totaling \$63.4 million.

- \$63.4 million has leveraged more than **\$21.4 million** in additional resources.
- CHRC has supported programs in **all 24 jurisdictions**.
- Programs have collectively served more than **398,000 Marylanders**. Most residents have complex health and social service needs, and many are super utilizers of hospital and EMS systems.
- Grantees include FQHCs, local health departments, free clinics, and outpatient behavioral health providers.

# WOMEN'S HEALTH GRANTS

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- **CHRC has awarded 22 grants totaling \$4.1 million to support women's health, serving more than 16,000 individuals, in urban, suburban, and rural communities.**
- **Three types of grants supporting women's health:**
  1. Expanding access to **comprehensive women's health services** to ensure that women are healthier at the time of conception.
  2. Expanding **access to prenatal care services** to ensure earlier entry into risk-appropriate prenatal care and case management programs.
  3. Providing **postpartum care after delivery** to ensure comprehensive, high-quality follow-up care for mother and infant.

# MEASURING THE IMPACT

**CHRC-funded programs have sought to**

- 1. Medium term -** increase the number of pregnant women receiving care in the first trimester;
- 2. Longer term -** increase babies born full term; reduce low-birth weight babies; and reduce infant mortality.

Output	SHIP Focus Area(s) & Measure(s): <u>Health Beginnings</u> - Infant death rate, Low birthweight babies, Early prenatal care	Data Source	Total (Reporting Period #1 + #2)	Reporting Period #1 (July 1, 2017) + #2 (December 31, 2017)
1a) # of unduplicated pregnant women referred by Pregnancy Engagement Specialists		eClinical Works	162	<b>68</b>
1b) # of unduplicated pregnant women referred by hospital		eClinical Works	0	<b>1</b>
1c) # of unduplicated pregnant women referred by Pregnancy Engagement Specialists that are served by program		eClinical Works	162	<b>68</b>
1d) # of unduplicated pregnant women referred by hospital that are served by program		eClinical Works	0	<b>1</b>
1e) # of unduplicated women served (1c+1d)		eClinical Works	162	<b>68</b>
2a) # of women referred to clinical prenatal services		eClinical Works/HCAM Insight database	5	<b>37</b>
2b) # of women referred to home visiting services		eClinical Works	63	<b>18</b>
2c) # of women that keep follow up appointments with prenatal health provider		eClinical Works/HCAM Insight database	59	<b>48</b>

# CHRC GRANTS-EXAMPLES



“CenteringPregnancy” program brings women into comfortable group setting and creates opportunities for providers to address socioeconomic, behavioral health, or health risk factors that may impact prenatal health. CHRC funding supported a RN and community health worker, serving 770 patients in 2016 and resulting in 407 births, **92% of which were full term**. Only 6.8% of babies born to participants were at low birthweight, a **rate 26% lower than that of the county overall (9.2%)**.



“Project Phoenix” provides SUD treatment services, including medications, and addresses social determinants of health. Over two-year period, served 517 individuals and saw average number of ED visits drop 60%, from 1.57 to 0.63 visits per participant. **Calvert Memorial Hospital has indicated financial support to continue the program** in light of the reduction in avoidable hospital costs. Another program, **Healthy Beginnings, achieved \$3M in Medicaid savings via reduced NICU stays**.

# FY 2018 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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- **Three strategic priorities:**
  1. Preserving or enhancing the state's ability to **serve vulnerable populations** regardless of insurance status
  2. Promoting health equity by **reducing health disparities** and addressing the social determinants of health
  3. Supporting community-based programs that are **innovative, sustainable, and replicable**
- **Generated 46 proposals totaling \$18.9 million (\$2.3 million is available in FY 2018).**
- **Call for Proposals included 3 types of projects:**
  1. Essential Services, including women's health and dental care
  2. Behavioral Health, including SUD treatment services
  3. Obesity and Food Security
- **CHRC awarded 15 grants totaling \$3.0 million in FY 2018.**