

Community Health Resources Commission

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BACKGROUND ON THE CHRC

- **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.**
- **Statutory responsibilities include:**
 - Increase access to primary and specialty care through community health resources
 - Promote community-hospital partnerships and emergency department diversion programs to prevent avoidable hospital utilization
 - Facilitate the adoption of health information technology
 - Promote long-term sustainability of community health resources as Maryland implements health care reform
- **The Maryland General Assembly approved legislation (Chapter 328) in 2014 to re-authorize the CHRC until 2025. This vote was unanimous.**

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- **Eleven Commissioners of the CHRC are appointed by the Governor.**
- **Below is a listing of the CHRC Commissioners.**

The Hon. John A. Hurson, CHRC
Chairman, Executive Vice President, Personal Care Products Association

Allan Anderson, M.D. Vice President of Dementia Care Practice, Integrate

Elizabeth Chung, Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick

Maritha R. Gay, Senior Director of External Affairs at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States Region

J. Wayne Howard, Former President and CEO, Choptank Community Health System, Inc.

William Jaquis, M.D., Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Sinai Hospital

Surina Jordan, PhD,, Zima Health, LLC. President and Senior Health Advisor

Barry Ronan, President and CEO, Western Maryland Health System

Carol Ivy Simmons, PhD, President and CEO, Simmons Health Systems Consulting

Julie Wagner, Vice President of Community Affairs, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

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

IMPACT OF CHRC GRANTS

- **Since 2007, CHRC has awarded 169 grants totaling \$55.8 million. Most grants are for multiple years.**
- **CHRC has supported programs in all 24 jurisdictions.**
- **These programs have collectively served more than 318,000 Marylanders.**
- **The initial grant funding provided by the CHRC has enabled grantees to leverage approximately \$18.7 million in additional federal, private/non-profit, and other resources.**
 - West Cecil Community Health Center received \$250,000 from the Weinberg Foundation.
 - Community Clinic, Inc. received \$1.9M, including \$1M from CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield, \$400,000 from United Health Foundation, and \$230,000 from Kaiser Permanente.

CHRC AREAS OF FOCUS

The CHRC grants have focused on the following public health priorities:



Reducing infant mortality



Integrating behavioral health



Reducing avoidable ED visits and promoting care in the community



Investing in health information technology



Expanding primary care access



Addressing childhood obesity



Increasing access to dental care

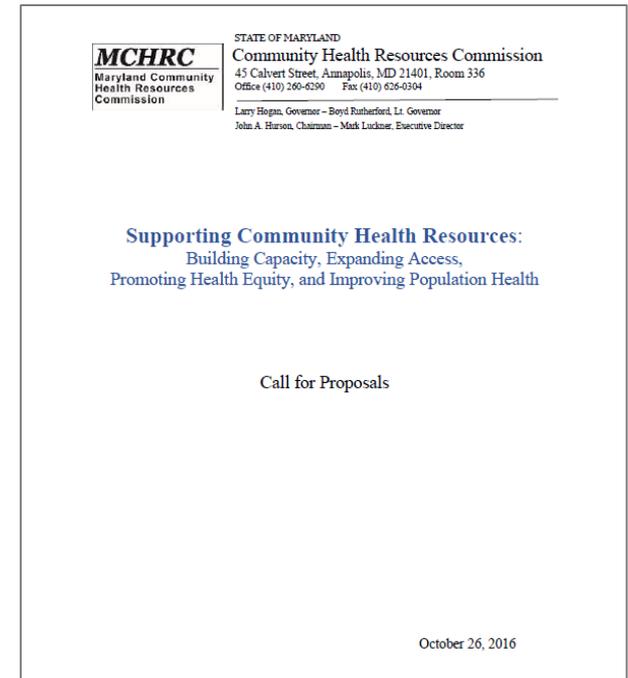


Building safety net capacity

CHRC AND HEALTH CENTERS



- **Health centers are a key safety net provider and are embedded in the very DNA of the CHRC.**
- **This is why they are the first “designated” community health resource in our Call for Proposals and regulations.**
- **The CHRC has awarded 27 grants totaling approximately \$9 million to health centers.**
- **These programs have provided services to 46,842 patients in 11 jurisdictions.**



CHRC-HEALTH CENTER BH GRANTS

- **Four BH grants to health centers (listed below) totaling \$1.2 million.**
- **Types of programs/areas of focus (not all involve health centers):**
 - Promoting integration of BH + Primary Care
 - Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
 - Medication Assisted Treatment and Telehealth (Garrett HD)
- **Outcomes tracked/reported include: The number of patients receiving behavioral health assessments, PHQ-9 scores, occupancy of crisis beds, and ED visits for behavioral health.**

Grantee	Jurisdiction	Amount	Patients Served
Mary's Center	Prince George's/ Montgomery County	\$198,318	4,394
West Cecil Community Health Center	Cecil County	\$250,000	988
Tri-State Community Health Center	Allegany	\$395,578	470
Walnut Street Community Health Center	Washington	\$339,125	570