



Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee Joint Meeting with Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

May 12, 2022

Ed Kasemeyer, Chair, Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee

Mark Luckner, Executive Director, Community Health Resources Commission



Maryland Health Equity Resource Act (2021)

1. Reduce health disparities
2. Improve health outcomes
3. Improve access to primary care
4. Promote primary and secondary prevention services
5. Reduce health care costs, hospital admissions and readmissions

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

Pathways to Health Equity Program

- Two-year grants issued by CHRC.
- Applicants to demonstrate self-sustainability as a HERC.
- Provides foundation and guidance to become a HERC.

Health Equity Resource Communities (HERCs)

- Five-year grants (October 2023 RFP).
- Emphasizes longer-term interventions that address SDOH:
 - Housing;
 - Transportation;
 - Employment;
 - Food Security.

HERC Advisory Committee

Eleven members, appointed by the Governor and Presiding Officers

Chair

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer,
Chair of CHRC and Chair of the HERC
Advisory Committee

Data Subcommittee

Chair: Rebecca A. Altman, RN and MBA,
Vice President and Chief Integration
Officer, *LifeBridge* Health

Call for Proposals Subcommittee

Chair: Jacqueline J. Bradley, MSN, MSS,
CRNP, Bradley Consulting, LLC

Outreach Subcommittee

Chair: Elizabeth L. Chung, Executive
Director, Asian American Center of
Frederick

Mark A. Martin, PhD, MHA, MBA, MA, Acting Director, Minority
Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health

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Maura Dwyer, DrPH and MPH, Senior Officer, the Health Impact
Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts

Jonathan Dayton, MS, NREMT, Community Relations and
Population Health Supervisor, Mt. Laurel Medical Center

Mikayla A. Walker, MPH, Management Consultant, ReefPoint
Group

The Honorable John A. Hurson, Esq., former Chair, Maryland
Community Health Resources Commission

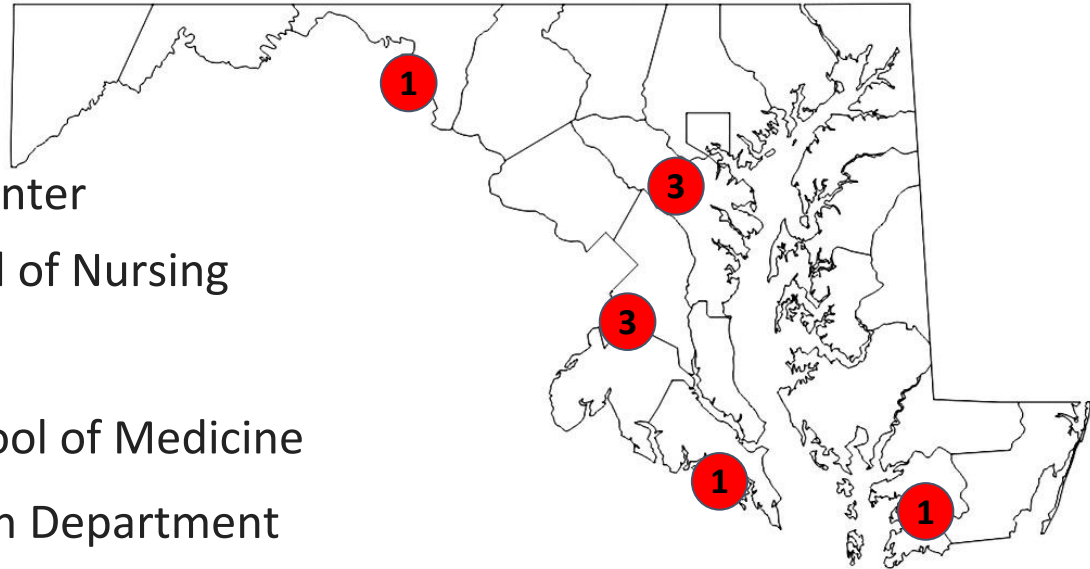
Pathways to Health Equity

- Pathways RFP issued October 12, 2021.
- 40 Applications received, requesting \$41 million.
- Following a review period, 9 grants were awarded totaling \$13.5 million.
- Estimated 75,000 Marylanders to receive services under Pathways to Health Equity programs.
- Projects will serve urban, suburban and rural communities (see next slide).

Nine Pathways Grantees

Baltimore City

- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing



Prince George's County

- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George's County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

Rural Maryland

- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary's County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)

Nine Pathways Grantees

Grantee	Jurisdiction	Award	Main “Disease” Focus	Projected Patients to be Served*
Baltimore Healthy Start	Baltimore City	\$875,000	Hypertension, SUD, Low Birth weight	324
GBMC	Baltimore City	\$1,500,000	Diabetes, Hypertension	2,550
UMB School of Nursing	Baltimore City	\$2,400,000	Hypertension, Mental Health, Social Isolation	6,227
JHU School of Medicine	Prince George’s County	\$2,000,000	Sickle Cell Disease	500
Prince George’s County HD	Prince George’s County	\$1,600,000	Heart Disease & Diabetes	15,000
La Clinica del Puelbo	Prince George’s County	\$1,500,000	Diabetes	8,180
Tidal Health	Lower Eastern Shore	\$1,100,000	Diabetes	32,000
St. Mary’s County HD	St. Mary’s County	\$1,600,000	Behavioral Health and Heart Disease	10,125
Horizon Goodwill	Western Maryland	\$925,000	Diabetes & Mental Health	225

Key Implementation Dates

May 4, 2022

1st CHRC / CRISP Technical Assistance Meeting

May – July 2022

Ongoing CHRC/CRISP Technical Assistance Meetings (see next slide)

August 2022

1st 90-Day Project Update Due

November 2022

1st 6-Month M&D Due

October 2023

HERC RFP Release

January 2024

Interim Impact Analysis Due

CHRC / CRISP Technical Assistance

Future Technical Assistance Meetings:

- **May 18** - CHRC Grantee Reporting 101 (M&D Commonly Asked Questions)
 - **June 1** - CRISP Panel Uploading
 - **June 15** - Grant monitoring, marketing/outreach, implementation discussion
 - **June 29** - CHRC Administrative and Fiscal Reporting
 - **July 13** - CRISP SDOH Tools
- HERC Advisory Subcommittees will support these TA activities.
 - Subcommittee members are encouraged to attend these sessions.
 - Additional topics and areas for future technical assistance meetings.



Legislative Update

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FY 2022 Legislation

- **SB 607/HB 906 – Health Equity Resource Communities – Modifications**
 - Delays the release of the HERC RFP by one year (October 2023)
 - HERC fund can be used for staff and CRISP
 - Takes effect July 1, 2022

HERC 2023 Budget

- FY2023 Budget bill (SB 290) Passed Enrolled
- HERC Budget includes:
 - **\$15 million** for Health Equity Resource Communities (does not include the \$14 million of Pathways grants just awarded); and
 - Adds a total of 3 FTEs to CHRC for HERC Initiative