

**Allegany County Health Planning Coalition  
Meeting Summary  
January 10, 2012**

**Members Present**

Dr. Sue Raver	Nancy Forlifer
Susan Stewart	Mary Beth Pirolozzi
Janet Wilson	Jen Wilson- Guest
Susan Walter	Lesa Diehl - Guest
Fred Tola	Heather Haines - Guest

**1. Review of Minutes**

Fred made the motion to accept the December 12, 2011 minutes as written. Susan Walter seconded the motion and the group unanimously approved.

**2. LHAP #1-13 – Answer any Final Questions**

- Priorities #1-13 were reviewed at the last meeting and the changes were incorporated into the priorities.
- Priority #2: Obesity - Strategy A, Actions #1 and #2 and Strategy B, Action #1 –ACHD will be added as a partner.
- Priority #9: Healthy Start – Strategy B, Action #1 – Child Case Fatality Review Board will be added as a partner.
- Priority #12: Immunizations – Strategy A, Action #1 – The word “all” will be removed from the action.
- Priority #13: Chronic Respiratory Disease – Strategy A, Action #1 – TSCHC will be added as a partner
- Priority #13: Chronic Respiratory Disease – Strategy A, Action #2 – School nurses and AHEC will be added as partners.

**3. Review Documents:**

**a. Community Groups by Priorities:**

- Members reviewed the committees they are affiliated with and will present information to the specific committees.
- Members reviewed the LHAP Coordination Activities with Community Groups. Members should make sure the groups are aware of the coalition

members, the vision, mission, and website. Priorities should be copied and taken to the community group meetings. Members should determine whether the group is willing to commit to the strategies and actions.

- The top 13 local health priorities will be put in order and given to members.
- Meeting dates for the committees are as follows:
  - The Mountain Health Alliance meeting will not be January 18<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be scheduled.
  - Garrett Allegany Health Workforce Development Network – January 25<sup>th</sup> or February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council is –January 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mental Health Advisory Committee – January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Tobacco Free Health Coalition – meeting currently taking place
  - Local Management Board – January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - School Health Council – January 30<sup>th</sup>
  - County United Way – sometime beginning of February
  - Neighborhood Associations – January 19<sup>th</sup>; city neighborhood associations meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (this may be another group to meet with).
  - Board of Health – May

**b. Timeline**

- The timeline was reviewed. It is in six-month phases. By the end of calendar year 2014 the overall measures should be achieved.

**c. Acronyms**

- The following will be added to the list of acronyms:
  - LHAP – Local Health Action Plan
  - LHIP – Local Health Improvement Plan
  - LHPC - Allegany Local Health Planning Council = Allegany County Health Planning Coalition
  - SANS – Substance Affected Newborns
  - C3I - Combined County Criminal Investigation

**4. Coordination Process with Community Groups – Answer Questions**

There were no questions.

## **5. Community Transformation Grant**

- Dr. Raver distributed an article which gives a written explanation on county rankings and why they are important.
- The Community Grant Transformation funding to the state is \$1.9 million. Half of the funding can only go to rural areas of the state or those areas with a population of less than 500,000. Allegany County is 1 of 19 counties with a population of less 500,000. The funding range will be \$50,000 - \$150,000 annually for five years. The grant is due January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Allegany County has the worst statistics of the 19 counties and its disparity is its economic situation.
- Allegany County's priorities match what is needed in the grant.
- Dr. Raver is interested in requesting additional funding for Healthiest Maryland Schools Early Education and Childcare Wellness. A staff person may be able to be hired to work on some of the policies. The Board of Education receives statistics regarding children coming out of childcare settings. This information may be able to be infused into the grant. Also, the State of Maryland received a "Race to the Top" grant which focuses on early childhood initiatives.
- We are required to advance at least one tobacco and one obesity prevention policy. Under Tobacco: Smoke free multiunit housing and smoke free college campuses, parks - FSU is smoke free and all Cumberland parks and parklets went smoke free. Under Obesity – we are doing more mini-grants. There is a requirement that the health department work with 3 of the Title I schools.
- Relevant partnerships must be discussed. We will need support letters from key leaders. This group will be the technical overseer of the grant.
- There may be another small grant available through the Maryland Health Care Commission. This may be related more to implementation.

## **6. LHAP – Review Measures**

- Nancy will forward this document to the group. WMHS can take the lead on the highlighted measures. The health department will see if they can take the lead on the measures that are not highlighted. The other measures will be brought back to the group.

**7. Other**

- Fred asked the group to look at the website and provide feedback.

**8. Next Meeting - February 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room**

Submitted by Heather Haines