

# Governor's Grants Conference

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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 to health care for low-income Marylanders and underserved communities in the state.**
- **The Maryland General Assembly approved legislation (Chapter 328) in 2014 (vote was unanimous) that re-authorized the CHRC until 2025.**
- **Eleven Commissioners of the CHRC are appointed by the Governor.**

# BACKGROUND ON THE CHRC

- **Below is a listing of the CHRC Commissioners (one vacancy).**

- **John A. Hurson, Chairman**
- **Nelson Sabatini, Vice Chairman**
- **Elizabeth Chung**, Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick
- **Charlene Dukes**, President, Prince George's County Community College
- **Maritha R. Gay**, Executive Director of Community Benefit and External Affairs, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States Region
- **William Jaquis, M.D.**, Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Sinai Hospital
- **Sue Kullen**, Southern Maryland Field Representative, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin
- **Paula McLellan**, CEO, Family Health Centers of Baltimore
- **Barry Ronan**, President and CEO, Western Maryland Health System
- **Maria Harris-Tildon**, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Community Affairs, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

## IMPACT OF CHRC GRANTS

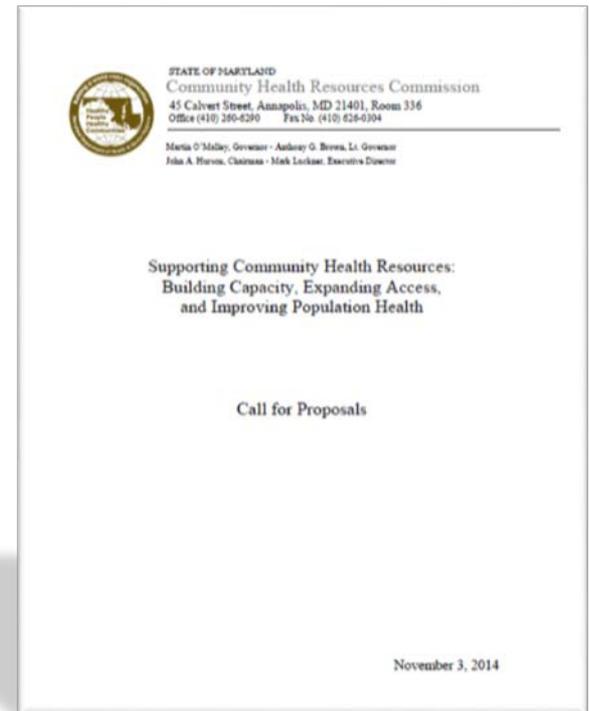
- **Since 2007, CHRC has awarded 154 grants totaling \$52.3M.**
- **Grantees have utilized CHRC grant funding to leverage \$18.5M in additional federal and private/non-profit resources (\$3.8M in federal; \$14.7M in private/non-profit/local).**
- **CHRC has supported programs in all 24 jurisdictions. These programs have collectively served nearly 200,000 Marylanders.**

## ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Most grants are awarded to community-based safety net providers, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Local Health Departments, free clinics, and outpatient Behavioral Health providers.**
- **Demand for CHRC grant funding far outstrips supply (budget).**
- **The Commission has received 593 requests for \$276.2M, funding approximately 19% of requests.**

# THE CHRC CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- **The CHRC has issued eight Calls for Proposals (RFP) over nine years. These have focused on the following public health priorities:**
- **Reducing infant mortality**
- **Increasing access to dental care**
- **Promoting ED diversion programs**
- **Expanding primary care access**
- **Integrating behavioral health**
- **Investing in health information technology**
- **Addressing childhood obesity**
- **Building safety net capacity**



# CHRC GRANTS IN LARGER CONTEXT

- **Assist ongoing health reform efforts**
  - Build capacity of safety net providers to serve newly insured
  - Assist safety net providers in IT, data collection, business planning
  - Promote long-term financial sustainability of providers of last resort
- **Support All-Payer Hospital Model**
  - Provide initial seed funding for community-hospital partnerships
  - Fund community-based intervention strategies that may help achieve reductions in avoidable hospital utilization
  - Issue white paper, “Sustaining Community-Hospital Partnerships to Improve Population Health” (authored by Frances B. Phillips)
- **Support population health improvement activities**
  - Align with State Health Improvement Process (SHIP) goals
  - Build infrastructure of Local Health Improvement Coalitions

# FY 2016 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- **The Call for Proposals will contain the following three strategic priorities:**
  - (1) Expand capacity;
  - (2) Reduce health disparities; and
  - (3) Support efforts to reduce avoidable hospital utilization.
- **The FY 2016 Call for Proposals seeks grant applications addressing the following four areas of focus:**
  - (1) Promoting comprehensive women's health services and reducing infant mortality rates;
  - (2) Expanding access to dental care;
  - (3) Integrating behavioral health service delivery and addressing the heroin and opioid epidemic; and
  - (4) Expanding access to primary and preventative care services and chronic disease management.

# FY 2016 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- **The FY 2016 Call for Proposals will be issued in November 2015 (later this month).**
- **Check the CHRC website for announcement of the release of the Call for Proposals.**
  - <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mchrc/SitePages/Home.aspx>
- **Grant applications will be due in late December/early January. Grant awards are expected to be made in late February/early March.**
- **Contact CHRC staff to be added to the CHRC mailing list and receive information about the release of the Call for Proposals.**
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