Governor’s Grants Conference

November 9, 2015

Mark Luckner
Executive Director, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
e-mail: mark.luckner@maryland.gov
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.
• 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 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.
  • edith.budd@Maryland.gov