

**37th Meeting of the
Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
Thursday, June 24, 2010
House of Delegate Building, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD
Room 180
2:45 PM – 6:30 PM**

Chairman Hurson called the meeting to order at 2:25 PM.

In addition to Chairman Hurson, Commissioners Sabatini, Roskos, Martinez-Vidal, Hunter, Tildon, McLellan, and Li were in attendance. Commissioners Wilson and Boyer-Patrick participated via phone. AAG Mel Franklin was also in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting were not considered and will be considered at the next full Commission meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY GRANT APPLICANTS

The Commission received a total of 39 full grant proposals in the FY 2011 RFP, representing total funding requests of approximately \$12.9 million. These 39 proposals were reviewed by independent reviewers identified by the CHRC based on criteria established by the Commission (and used in previous RFPs). DHMH program staff also provided technical expertise in the review of the infant mortality and dental proposals.

The independent reviewers provided rank/numeric scores for each of the proposals received in their subject areas, and the Commission selected the highest scoring applicants in each particular area to present before the full CHRC today. Of the 39 full proposals received, 17 applicants were selected to present: 4 infant mortality applicants, 4 dental applicants, 7 behavioral health applicants, and 3 new access applicants.

Each applicant provided a brief presentation, which was followed by a question and answer period with the Commissioners. Following the presentation, the Commission adjourned to executive session, and formal grant award decisions were made at this time.

The Commission voted to award approximately \$1.3 million in grant funds in FY 2011, and a complete listing of the awards is attached as an addendum to the minutes. The Commission voted to allocate funding in FY 2012 and FY 2013 to some of the awards, such the infant mortality and dental awards, and directed CHRC staff to review the budget submissions of the applicants in the out-years and suggest grant awards in FY 2012 and FY 2013 to the full Commission.

In addition to issuing the grant awards, the Commission voted to allocate \$300,000 in FY 2011 funds to support the transformation component of the Patient-Centered Medical

Homes (PCMH) Program. Legislation which established the PCMH Program (HB 929) included uncodified language clarifying that the CHRC would assist in the transformation component of the Program and be consulted by MHCC on the inclusion of safety net providers in the Program. The Commission directed Commissioner Martinez-Vidal and CHRC staff to develop a written document outlining the principles of the CHRC's participation in the PCMH Program and the use of its funds. This document will likely guide a potential MOU between MHCC and CHRC.

OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S BUDGET

CHRC staff prepared and presented a detailed overview of the Commission's budget in FY 2010 (which is about to close) and FY 2011. This analysis demonstrated that approximately 16 current CHRC grantees present potential funding obligations of \$965,343 in FY 2011. Several of these 16 grantees, however, are off-payment schedules, have not requested funding in FY 2009 and FY 2010, and in most cases, are non-compliant in submitting reports and invoices in a timely manner, meeting the terms of the grant agreement. The Commission directed CHRC staff to contact these grantees via official Commission correspondence, alerting them that they are non-compliant (or underperforming), and have 30 days to become compliant, and that continued non-compliance will result in forfeiture of current (and future) funds.

Several other grantees presenting potential fund obligations in FY 2011 have submitted grant modification requests, and several of these requests are complex and should be fully discussed by the Commission. This discussion will likely occur in a conference call or full Commission meeting later this summer/early fall.