



Community Health Resources Commission

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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 for low-income Marylanders and underserved communities.
- CHRC has awarded 210 grants totaling **\$64.1 million**.
- Supported programs in all **24 jurisdictions**.
- Served more than **458,000 Marylanders** (complex health and social service needs, co-morbidities, etc).
- Grants awarded by the CHRC have enabled grantees to leverage \$22.9 million in **additional** federal and private/non-profit resources.
- Of this \$22.9 million, more than **\$19 million comes from private and local resources**.



CHRC GRANTS TO SUPPORT SBHCS

- SBHCs are designated community health resources (eligible for grant funding).
- 15 CHRC SBHC grants totaling \$3.35 million.
- Most of the funding supports salary costs for practitioners (NPs, RNs, LCSWs, dental hygienist) and some administrative costs (office clerk/assistants).
- More than 14,000 individuals served.
- Grants support the delivery/expansion of primary care, dental, and behavioral health services in 11 jurisdictions.
- Metrics collected include:
 - Number of individuals served;
 - Number/types of services provided, ie vaccinations, dental sealants; etc; and
 - ED visits, by type, asthma, acute illness, and behavioral health.

CHRC GRANT IN WICOMICO COUNTY



- Wicomico County Health Department was awarded three-year grant for \$425,000 in FY 2016 to open a second SBHC in Wicomico County.
- Grant funds supported salaries of 0.25 FTE nurse practitioner, 0.50 FTE community health nurse supervisor, 0.25 FTE community health nurse, 0.40 FTE social worker, and 0.50 FTE office service clerk.
- SBHC offers primary and behavioral health (via LCSW).
- CHRC funds were leveraged to receive \$180,917 in additional funds from the Donny Williams Foundation. The private grant enabled modest start-up capital improvements at the SBHC.



CHRC GRANT IN FREDERICK



- Frederick County Health Department was awarded an 18-month grant for \$400,000 in FY 2009 to start a SBHC at Hillcrest Elementary School (\$200,000 in year one).
- Grant funds supported XX FTE nurse, XX FTE physician, XX FTE dental hygienist, XX FTE family service worker, XX FTE social worker and XX FTE program director. Grant funds were also used for equipment, medical, and office supplies.
- The Hillcrest Elementary SBHC offers primary care, dental, and case management services.
- Through an innovative collaboration, the program is implemented by Frederick Community Action Agency and has been expanded to additional schools.





COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

- The Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers was created in legislation approved by the Maryland General Assembly in 2015.
- The Council is charged with developing policy recommendations to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from School-based Health Centers (SBHCs).
- The Council is responsible for advancing the integration of SBHCs into health care and educational systems at the state and local levels and for promoting long-term financial sustainability of SBHCs.



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SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER WHITE PAPER

- The CHRC hired Harbage Consulting to develop a white paper and policy recommendations to demonstrate the value proposition of SBHCs.
- Key stakeholder interviews are ongoing.
- The white paper is due to be released at the end of 2018.