

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.**
- **Priorities and areas of focus include:**
 - Increase access to primary and specialty care through grants to community health resources - **not regulatory function**
 - Promote projects that are **innovative, replicable, and sustainable**
 - Build capacity of safety net providers to serve more residents
 - Address social determinants of health and promote health equity

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- **Eleven Commissioners of the CHRC are appointed by the Governor.**
- **Below is a listing of the CHRC Commissioners.**

The Hon. John A. Hurson, CHRC
Chairman, Executive Vice President, Personal Care Products Association

Allan Anderson, M.D. Vice President of Dementia Care Practice, Integrate

Elizabeth Chung, Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick

Maritha R. Gay, Senior Director of External Affairs at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States Region

J. Wayne Howard, Former President and CEO, Choptank Community Health System, Inc.

William Jaquis, M.D., Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Sinai Hospital

Surina Jordan, PhD, Zima Health, LLC. President and Senior Health Advisor

Barry Ronan, President and CEO, Western Maryland Health System

Carol Ivy Simmons, PhD, President and CEO, Simmons Health Systems Consulting

Julie Wagner, Vice President of Community Affairs, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

Anthony C. Wisniewski, Esq., Chairman of the Board and Chief of External and Governmental Affairs, Livanta LLC

IMPACT OF CHRC GRANTS

- **Since 2007, CHRC has awarded 169 grants totaling \$55.8 million. Most grants are for multiple years.**
- **CHRC has supported programs in all 24 jurisdictions which have served 318,000 Marylanders.**
- **The initial grant funding provided by the CHRC has enabled grantees to leverage approximately \$18.8 million in additional federal, private/non-profit, and other resources.**
 - Chase Brexton Health (dental/09-013) received \$400,000 from the Weinberg Foundation.
 - Community Clinic, Inc. (Primary Care/12-008) received \$1.9M, including \$1M from CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield, \$400,000 from United Health Foundation, and \$230,000 from Kaiser Permanente.

CHRC AREAS OF FOCUS



Promoting Comprehensive Women's Health Services and Reducing Infant Mortality



Increasing access to integrated behavioral health services



Reducing avoidable ED visits and promoting care in the community



Investing in health information technology



Expanding Access to Primary Care Services



Addressing childhood obesity



Providing Dental Care for Low-income Children and Adults



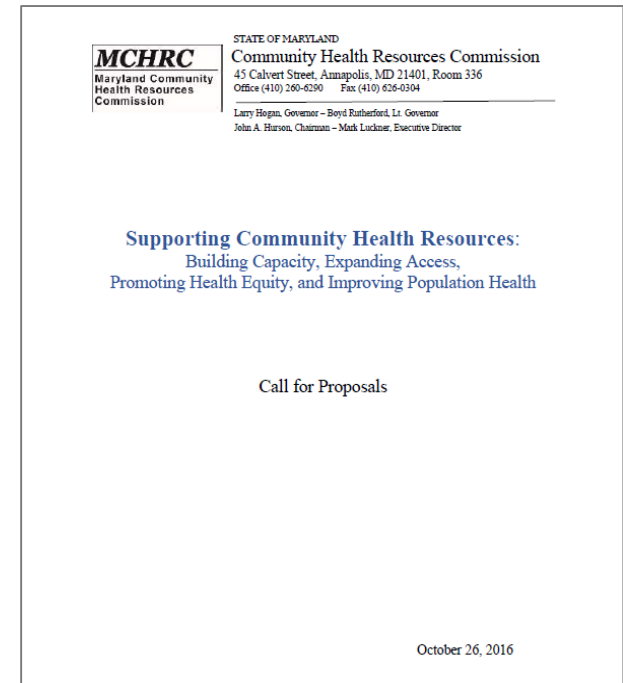
Building safety net capacity

CHRC has awarded 31 dental grants totaling \$6.3M which have provided services to more than 51,000 Marylanders.

CHRC AND HEALTH CENTERS



- **Health centers are a key safety net provider and are embedded in the very DNA of the CHRC.**
- **This is why they are the first “designated” community health resource in our Call for Proposals and regulations.**
- **The CHRC has awarded 27 grants totaling approximately \$9 million to health centers.**
- **These programs have provided services to 46,842 patients in 11 jurisdictions.**



CHRC DENTAL GRANTS

- **Five Dental grants to health centers (listed below) totaling \$1.4 million.**
- **Types of programs/areas of focus (not all involve health centers):**
 - Expansion of Service
 - Small Capital Grants
 - Dental-Related ED Diversion
 - Enabling Referrals to Area Providers
- **Outcomes tracked/reported include: The number of patients receiving preventative or advanced dental services; number of children receiving fluoride treatment or sealants; and number of dental-related ED visits.**

Grantee	Jurisdiction	Amount	Patients Served
Walnut Street Community Health Center	Washington County	\$98,000	1,517
Choptank Community Health System	Kent County	\$250,000	163
Chase Brexton	Baltimore County	\$500,000	4,708
Family Health Centers of Baltimore	Baltimore City	\$300,000	511
Choptank Community Health System	Caroline County	\$300,000	6,374

RECENT CHRC DENTAL GRANTS



Allegany Health Right (Allegany County) has received a number of grants from the CHRC which support community outreach and engage local dentists to provide services to low-income patients at a discounted rate of 50%-80%.



Frederick Memorial Hospital (Frederick County) received CHRC funding to support a partnership between Frederick Memorial Hospital and the University of Maryland Dental School (UMD), which aims to reduce dental-related ED visits at Frederick Memorial. The applicant is utilizing funding to open a dental clinic which is being staffed by University of Maryland dental students and faculty.

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Access Carroll (Carroll County) received CHRC funds to support the opening of a dental clinic serving low income residents. The full time family dental clinic is part of the Access Carroll's integrated care model. Access Carroll leveraged the CHRC grant to secure an additional \$162,451 in capital support from the Weinberg Foundation.



Total Health Care (Baltimore City) is utilizing CHRC funds to support a new collaboration between Total Health Care and Mercy Hospital to ensure all pregnant women patients of Total who are seen by Mercy OB providers will receive the benefit of integrated OB and dental care.