

11th Meeting of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

**January 8, 2007
UMBC Technology Center-Viewing Gallery
1450 South Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21227**

Chairman Lin called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Vice-Chair Alice Burton and Commissioners Kendall Hunter, Yvette Benjamin, Donald Roane, Jude Boyer-Patrick, Jorge Calderon, Karla Ruhe Roskos, and John Hurson were also present. Commissioners Joseph P. Ross and Leon Kaplan were excused.

Vice-Chair Burton made and Commissioner Boyer-Patrick seconded a motion to go into closed and exempt sessions. The motion was approved through a voice vote of the Commissioners present. The Commission went into a closed session at 1:39 PM pursuant to State Government article §10-508(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Following the closed session, the Commission went into an exempt session to discuss grant awards.

The Commission returned to public session at 2:25 PM.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Lin asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2006, meeting minutes, which was made by Vice-Chair Burton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roskos and passed through a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

FINAL APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS

Chairman Lin asked for a motion to approve the Commission's regulations as final. Commissioner Roskos made and Commissioner Hunter seconded a motion to approve the final regulations. The motion was passed through a voice vote of the Commissioners present.

IT UPDATES

Commissioner Hunter updated the Commission on IT issues. He reported that he will be meeting with the Maryland Health Care Commission on January 10, 2007. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how the MCHRC's legislative charge may fit into the Maryland Health Care Commission's health IT initiatives.

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Roskos announced the awards for the Commission's first grants program entitled *Aligning Community Health Resources: Improving Access to Care for Marylanders* and outlined the grant review process. After receiving 50 proposals requesting \$21.9 million in funding, the Commission awarded 12 grants totaling \$4.6

million, exceeding the Commission’s initial target by \$1 million. The 50 proposals were reviewed in-depth by Commissioners Roskos, Roane, Hunter, Boyer-Patrick, Kaplan, and Burton. These Commissioners made award recommendations to the full Commission. The 12 successful proposals offered diverse strategies for improving access to care; were geographically diverse; planned significant expansions to vulnerable populations; had clear, achievable plans for sustainability; and showed strong commitment from partnering organizations. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

• Access Carroll, Inc.	\$100,000
• Anne Arundel County Department of Health	\$450,000
• Baltimore Medical System	\$500,000
• Calvert Memorial Hospital	\$500,000
• Chase Brexton Health Services, Inc.	\$200,000
• City of Frederick/Frederick Community Action Agency	\$353,585
• Health Partners, Inc.	\$499,606
• Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	\$485,478
• Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services	\$491,854
• Tri-State Community Health Center	\$395,328
• Union Memorial Hospital	\$333,720
• Walnut Street Community Health Center	\$339,125

Chairman Lin announced that the Commission has not yet discussed its priorities for a second round of grantmaking.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER UPDATES

Commissioner Benjamin gave a presentation on the Commission’s legislative charge regarding school-based health centers. She also provided an overview of policy perspectives and possible strategies to meet this charge. After some discussion, it was felt that the Commission needed further information on school-based health centers before deciding on a strategy. Commissioner Benjamin reported that she will update the Commission on further information at the next meeting.

COMMISSION TRANSITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Lin announced the following upcoming changes and transitions for the Commission:

After reviewing over 120 applications and conducting 2 sets of interviews, the Commission voted Grace Zaczek as their executive director. Her position is pending approval from the Governor’s office.

Chairman Lin thanked Assistant Attorney General Jason Sapsin for his service to the Commission and announced that he has been reassigned. The Chairman introduced the Commission’s new counsel, Assistant Attorney General Jane Pilliod.

He also announced that the terms of the Commissioners are not specified in the legislation. The Commissioners' current appointments will expire in May 2007, and there is some uncertainty about appointments with the change in administration. Additionally, the Commission will experience a change in personnel as the Executive Director hires new staff.

Chairman Lin announced his resignation from the Commission, effective January 17, 2007. Vice-Chair Alice Burton will become the Commission's Acting Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lin announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Burton made and Commissioner Boyer-Patrick seconded a motion to adjourn. Chairman Lin declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.