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**HCLHIC Priorities: Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Living, Healthy Minds** 

**HCLHIC Workgroup: Health Literacy Advisory Committee (HLAC)** 

**Goal 1:** Engage community members in healthy lifestyle activities by increasing awareness; culturally appropriate opportunities; accessible and inclusive communications and initiatives related to promoting movement; healthier food choices; and social engagement to promote improved physical and mental health.

**Goal 2** (*Disability & Health Subcommittee - DHS*): Improve the health and independence of people with disabilities by promoting inclusive communications and initiatives related to accessibility; increasing awareness and utilization of accessibility procedures and policies in Howard County; actively involving community members living with disabilities in the activities of the Health Literacy Advisory Committee (HLAC) with guidance for implementation and evaluation efforts.

#### **Key Measure(s): 2021 HCHAS:**

- Percentage of children who were advised by a medical professional to lose weight increased from 7% in 2018 to 18% in 2021
- 29% of adults were overweight and 25% of adults were obese; 1 in 2 adults in Howard County is either overweight or obese
  - o Of those identified as obese: 37% were Black, 27% were White and 7% Asian
- 11% of individuals drink regular soda daily; 18% of individuals eat fruits three times or more per day; and 16% of individuals eat vegetables three or more times per day while 32% of residents ate vegetables less than once per day over the past week
  - Of those reporting having eaten vegetables less than once per day over the past week 47% earn less than \$50K annually

# Key Measure(s) (DHS): 2021 ACS & BRFSS/ Howard County Community Roundtables and Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI) Focus Groups:

- 9% of non-institutionalized adults in Howard County report having a disability
  - Columbia, Ellicott City, Savage were some of the areas identified with the highest prevalence of working age adults with any disability (above 7% of population)
- Adults with disabilities in Howard County were more likely to report poor physical and mental health, chronic conditions like cancer (16.1%), hypertension (36.4%), doctor diagnosed asthma (32.2%), doctor-diagnosed depressive disorder (52.1%) or being current or lifetime smokers.

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- People with disabilities from Howard County were less likely than people without disabilities to engage in certain preventative health behaviors such as eating vegetables once per day (79.6% compared to 87.0%), getting some leisure-time physical activity (72.0% compared to 89.8%) or getting a routine health checkup in the last year (69.4% compared to 74.0%).
- Barriers to attaining good health for people with disabilities include stigma, communication challenges, physical obstacles, social determinants, and policy gaps

Alignment with Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center (JHHCMC) Priorities (if applicable): N/A

Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities (HCHD) (if applicable): Healthy Lifestyle - Goal 3

**HCLHIC Staff:** Ashton Jordan

Co-Chairs: Erin Ashinghurst – Accessible Resources for Independence & Chynáe Vicks - HCHD

Objectives	Measure	Action Steps	Timeframe	Status Update
Objective 1 (Strategic Plan - SP):  By May 2023, collaborate with Coalition members to develop and pre-test key messages to promote improved physical and mental health based on identified facilitators, barriers, and engagement strategies related to movement,	Baseline: 0 messages  Target: 36 Messages total (6 for each community of focus)	<ul> <li>Year 1:</li> <li>Conduct Focus Groups with diverse community members to assess facilitators and barriers to healthy lifestyle</li> <li>Analyze data to ascertain key themes of Healthy Lifestyle Focus Group sessions</li> <li>Draft and revise healthy lifestyle key messages based on feedback</li> </ul> Year 2:	Start: October 2021 End: October 2022	11 Focus Groups conducted in October and November 2021  Focus Group findings presented at the January 2022 Full LHIC Meeting  Messages drafted and initial feedback gathered in August 2022  Messages updated in October 2022

healthier food choices, and social engagement among priority populations in Howard County.		Review key messages and make updates as needed		Focus group held with Community Health Workers (CHWs) in February 2023 Messages updated in February 2023 Messages finalized in March 2023 72 messages developed (12 for each community of focus) Messages stocked for future use April – June 2023
Objective 2 (SP):  By June 2025, collaborate with Coalition members to plan, implement, and evaluate a marketing campaign to promote improved physical and mental health across the lifespan in Howard County.	Baseline: 0 Campaign Target: 1 Campaign piloted	<ul> <li>Year 1:         <ul> <li>Convene regular HLAC meetings with partners and community members</li> <li>Plan pilot launch of healthy lifestyle campaign</li> </ul> </li> <li>Year 2:         <ul> <li>Summer 2023: Launch pilot healthy lifestyle campaign</li></ul></li></ul>	Start: June 2022 End: June 2025	Initiated discussion of campaign promotion and launch strategies in March 2023  May – August 2023  Campaign materials made available in several language translations  September – December 2023 Healthy Howard Campaign translations

		<ul> <li>Winter 2023: Review and present findings from pilot healthy lifestyle campaign at Full LHIC Meeting</li> <li>Year 3:</li> <li>Make plans for full campaign launch and continuity of efforts</li> </ul>	expanded to: English, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish and Russian
Objective 3:  By June 2025, periodically review Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC) website content and other digital and print materials to ensure that the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines are followed, and content materials are up-to-date, culturally appropriate, accessible, and inclusive.	Baseline: Annual update  Target: Quarterly update	<ul> <li>Review HCLHIC website Disability Resources page and make updates as needed quarterly.</li> <li>Review HCLHIC messaging and make updates to meet ADA guidelines as needed.</li> <li>Promote HCLHIC website, disability resources, and other local and national accessibility resources widely.</li> </ul>	December 2022: Disability Resources webpage updated  June 2023: Continued monitoring and review of LHIC website content  September 2023: Reviewed and updated Accessibility Resources on LHIC website  September – October 2023: Added new disability services resources to CAREAPP  October 2023: 6 Health and Human Services Questions added to CAREAPP for data purposes

Objective 4 (DHS):	Baseline:	Year 1:	Start: October	Began Disability Inclusion
By October 2024, collaborate with coalition members to strengthen availability of disability and health resources and data by incorporating the Six (6) Human and Health Services questions into four (4) partner intake assessment tools/data collection system (i.e., CAREAPP).	O presentations on Human and Health Services (HHS) questions O health and independent living needs survey O partner intake assessment tool(s)/ data collection system(s) utilizing 6 HHS questions Target: 1 presentation on Human and Health Services (HHS) questions 1 health and independent living needs survey 4 partner intake assessment tool(s)/ data	<ul> <li>Build awareness of the Six (6) Human and Health Services (HHS) questions within LHIC</li> <li>Collaborate with HLAC members to construct a health and independent living needs survey that will be distributed among people with disabilities in Maryland</li> <li>Link adults with disabilities to preventative healthcare resources and programs</li> <li>Gather disability and health data</li> <li>Year 2:</li> <li>Build awareness of health department resources and action plans.</li> <li>Recommend information, training, and resources to increase the number of healthcare professionals that can effectively offer accessible preventative healthcare to adults with disabilities</li> <li>Implement utilization of Six HHS questions into partner intake assessment tool(s)/data collection system(s)</li> <li>Continue gathering of disability and health data</li> </ul>	End: October 2024	Grant (DIG) Project July 2023  DIG Scope of Works (SOWs) drafted and finalized August 2023  6 Health and Human Services Questions added to CAREAPP for data purposes October 2023  December 2023 Updated Disability Resources on LHIC webpage

	collection system(s) utilizing 6 HHS questions			
Objective 5 (DHS):  By June 2025, develop a policy statement for public accommodations of people with disabilities to be used across health department programs.	Baseline:  0 focus groups for policy statement development  0 training or toolkit on disability and health inclusion, accessibility, or disability cultural competency  0 policy statement  Target:  1 focus group for policy statement development  1 training or toolkit on disability and health inclusion, accessibility, or	<ul> <li>Conduct focus group(s) with inclusion from community members living with disabilities to develop language for policy statement</li> <li>Year 2:         <ul> <li>Identify and promote at least one training or toolkit on the topic of disability and health inclusion, accessibility, and awareness of disability cultural competency to public health professionals</li> </ul> </li> <li>Year 3:         <ul> <li>Implement policy statement across HLAC programs/health department programs through the HCHD's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Start: October 2023 End: June 2025	Began Disability Inclusion Grant (DIG) Project July 2023  DIG Scope of Works (SOWs) drafted and finalized August 2023  Disability & Health Subcommittee (DHS) formed September 2023  Disability Focused Mission Statement, objectives, goals, measures and actions steps constructed by Disability & Health Subcommittee (DHS) September 2023  Disability Focused Mission Statement, objectives, goals, measures and actions steps incorporated into HLAC workplan October 2023

	disability cultural competency  1 policy statement			Policy Statement created March 2024 and will be implemented through the HCHD's LEP Committee
Objective 6 (DHS):  By June 2025, utilize committee resources to implement at least one inclusion solution within Howard County to improve the health and independence of the disability community. (Living Well in the Community)	Baseline:  O health and independent living needs survey implemented  O published results of health and independent living needs survey  O Living Well in the Community program/Another evidence-based health program designed for individuals with disabilities implemented  O evaluations of implementation of Living Well in the Community	<ul> <li>Partner with Howard County agencies to implement a health and independent living needs survey among people with disabilities in Maryland</li> <li>Partner with Howard County agencies to publish the results of the survey as a Howard County Health and Disability Assessment, incorporating quantitative and qualitative data analysis and recommending disability and health inclusion solutions</li> <li>Implement medium-large scale Living Well in the Community program</li> <li>Evaluate implementation of Living Well in the Community program/another evidence-based health program designed for individuals with disabilities</li> </ul>	Start: October 2023 End: June 2025	Began Disability Inclusion Grant (DIG) Project July 2023  DIG Scope of Works (SOWs) drafted and finalized August 2023  1 Living Well in the Community Workshop (2 classes) held in September for Individuals living with disabilities  January 2024 Awarded supplemental funding for DIG project  Living Well in the Community Workshop scheduled for April/May 2024  4 Living Well in the Community sessions held from March – May 2024

program/Another	Evaluate changes to policy, systems,	10 participants will
evidence-based	and environment	complete an Accessibility
health program		Assessment of the Health
designed for		Department in May 2024
individuals with		4 1111
disabilities		Accessibility Assessment
		conducted in May 2024
Target:		
1 health and		
independent living		
needs survey		
implemented		
1 published result		
of health and		
independent living		
needs survey		
1 Living Well in the		
Community		
program/another		
evidence-based		
health program		
designed for		
individuals with		
disabilities		
implemented		
1 evaluation of		
implementation of		
Living Well in the		

Community		
program/another		
evidence-based		
health program		
designed for		
individuals with		
disabilities		

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**HCLHIC Workgroup: Movement Group** 

**Goal 1:** Engage community members in healthy lifestyle activities by increasing awareness; culturally appropriate opportunities; accessible and inclusive communications and initiatives related to promoting movement; healthier food choices; and social engagement to promote improved physical and mental health.

#### Key Measure(s): 2021 HCHAS:

- 73% of those aged 18-34 exercised in the past week (lower than any other age group).
- 69% of those making under \$50,000 exercised in the past week compared to 77% or higher in other income groups.

Alignment with Howard County General Hospital Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Living

Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Lifestyle – Goal 2

**HCLHIC Staff: TBD** 

Co-Chairs: Michelle Rosenfeld, Howard County Office on Aging and Independence & Natalie Hall - HCHD

Objectives	Measures	Action Steps	Timeframe	Status Update:
Objective 3 (SP):  By May 2023, collaborate with Coalition members to develop and pilot a movement initiative including a community	Baseline: 0 events (2020) Target: 20 events	<ul> <li>Walktober - Annually:</li> <li>Convene Movement Group partner meetings to plan, implement and evaluate annual Walktober and WalkMDDay collaborative movement events and activities in October</li> <li>Engage diverse community partners</li> <li>Create Walktober calendar of events in Howard County</li> </ul>	Start: May 2021 End: November 2024	Walktober 2021: 27 events  Walktober 2022: 22 events (plus 2 events post-ponded) with 597 participants and 823 miles walked/ran.

calendar and programming to encourage Howard County community members of all ages and abilities to engage in movement for improved physical and mental health.	<ul> <li>Widely promote Walktober calendar of events and other State-led WalkMDDay and Walktober events</li> <li>Evaluate Walktober and WalkMDDay efforts to improve in subsequent years</li> <li>Present results to partners in November.</li> <li>Move All Year Quarterly Events/Promotion:</li> <li>Promote activities in collaboration with diverse partners to encourage movement throughout the year</li> <li>Fall – Walktober</li> <li>Winter- Heart Health month</li> <li>Spring – Earth Day</li> <li>Summer - Parks and Trails</li> <li>Falls Prevention Week (September 22 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024):</li> <li>Collaborate to co-host and record annual Falls Prevention webinar during Falls Prevention Week.</li> <li>Evaluate efforts</li> </ul>	Start: November 2022 End: May 2025  Start: March 2024 End: May 2025	December 2022: Calendar of events created and promoted widely  Walktober 2023: 47 events (plus 2 cancelled) with 787 participants and 2,408 miles walked/ran.  March 2023 – Ongoing promotion of Movement activities and events via social media, calendar, and website.  September 2023 – Ongoing promotion of Movement activities and events via social media, partner meetings, calendar, and website.  November 2023 -
			website.

					meetings, calendar, and website.
Objective 4 (SP):  By June 2025, based on results of the pilot program plan, implement and evaluate a Movement Initiative that promotes physical activity and encourages Howard County community members of all ages and abilities to engage in movement for improved physical and mental health year-round.	Baseline: 0 flyer  Target: 2 flyers  Baseline: 0 Reduced Cost and Free Movement Exercise Programs Favorites Folder in CAREAPP  Target: 1 Reduced Cost and Free Movement Exercise Programs Favorites Folder in CAREAPP  Baseline: 0 Movement logo  Target: 1 Movement logo	•	Update Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks 1-Mile Moving Map Create free and low-cost Movement flyers that utilize CAREAPP and promotes physical activity all year round in Howard County.  Spring and Summer activities flyers Fall and Winter activities flyers Create a favorite's folder in CAREAPP that lists all the reduced cost and free exercise programs in Howard County. Create a Movement logo to be used on all LHIC physical activity flyers, social media pages and partners flyers to promote physical activity all year round.	Start: May 2021 End: May 2025	Fall 2021: 1-Mile Howard County Recreation and Parks maps updated  March 2023: Low- cost/free Movement flyer for Spring and Summer created, placed on Physical Activity page, promoted on social media and by partners.  March 2023: Reduced Cost and Free Movement Exercise Programs favorites folder created in CAREAPP.  August 2023: Low- cost/free Movement flyer created for Fall and Winter and placed on Physical Activity page; promoted on

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	social media and by
	partners.
	September 2023:
	Reduced Cost and Free
	Movement Exercise
	Programs favorites
	folder in CAREAPP
	updated to 29
	programs.
	November 2023:
	Reduced Cost and Free
	Movement Exercise
	Programs favorites
	folder in CAREAPP
	updated to 33
	programs.
	December 2023:
	Update of the low-
	cost/free Movement
	flyer for Fall and Winter
	2023/2024 and placed
	on LHIC's Physical
	Activity webpage,
	promoted on social
	media.
	December 2023:
	Creation of 1

Objective 5:  By June 2025, conduct quarterly review and update of the HCLHIC website and collaborate on a walk to school's social media campaign with HCHD Comms Dept. Gather resources on	Baseline: Annual update Target: Quarterly update Baseline: 0 Social Media Campaign Target: 1 Social	<ul> <li>Review HCLHIC website's Physical         Activity page and make updates as         needed quarterly.</li> <li>Promote HCLHIC website, activity guides         and other local and national physical         activity resources widely.</li> </ul>	Start: May 2021 End: May 2025	Movement Logo to be used year-round in promotion of physical activity in Howard County.  November 2022: Walk Maryland Registration Tool added to Physical Activity page  March 2023: Physical activity website updated  June 2023: Physical
walk and bike to school and promote content widely among partners and community members and share on LHIC's website and social media pages.  Objective 6:  By June 2025, conduct review and update the	Media Campaign  Baseline: Annual update	Review HCLHIC website's Older Adult and Injury Prevention pages and make updates as needed quarterly.	Start: March 2024 End: May 2025	Activity website updated.  August 2023: Walk to School Staples Social Media Campaign created.  December 2023: Physical Activity website updated.

Falls Prevention resources on the HCLHIC website and share via partners, community members and social media.	Target: Quarterly update  Baseline: 1 Falls Prevention Resource  Target: 5 Falls Prevention Resources	<ul> <li>Review and update the HCLHIC Fall Prevention Resource Guide.</li> <li>Update Falls Prevention Resources to ensure culturally appropriate and accessible.</li> <li>Promote HCLHIC website and other Falls Prevention resources during Falls Prevention Week in September and year- round.</li> </ul>
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**HCLHIC Workgroup: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Group** 

**Goal 2:** Increase culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive education on chronic disease prevention and support for management of chronic diseases and related health conditions in Howard County.

#### Key Measure(s): 2021 HCHAS & BRFSS:

#### Diabetes:

- Increase in the percentage of residents with both pre-diabetes (11%) and diabetes (13%) compared with 2018 (8% respectively for both).
  - o Diabetes rates among Non-Hispanic Blacks in 2019 was 12.3% compared with 6.1% for Non-Hispanic Whites (BRFSS, age-adjusted rate).
- Prediabetes among residents <30 years old increased from 9% in 2018 to 28% in 2021.

#### Tobacco:

- Data from the Youth Risk Behavior/Youth Tobacco Survey (YRBS/YTS) indicates that from 2016 2018, the prevalence of any tobacco/electronic smoking devices (ESDs), cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco use among middle school (MS) students has increased 100% and 47% for high school (HS) students.
  - o In 2018, tobacco use was highest for Black (6.7%) and Hispanics (6.1%) MS students.
- Among adults, data from the 2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) showed a higher proportion of tobacco use among adults with incomes lower than \$50K (13.2%) compared to those with incomes greater than \$50K (8.0%).

Alignment with Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Living

Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Lifestyle – Goal 1

**HCLHIC Staff:** Ashton Jordan

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Lee – Howard County Office on Aging and Independence & Crystal Pope - JHHCMC

Objectives	Measure	Action Steps	Timeframe	Status Update:

Objective 1 (SP):	Baseline:	Year 1:	Start: June 2022	July – November
( ,		Conduct outreach and educational	End: June 2025	2022: Nutrition,
Through June 2025,	0 Chronic disease	activities in high-need areas including		Fitness, free fitness
convene quarterly	related outreach	evidence-based programs		memberships to
Chronic Disease	activities	<ul> <li>Assist with screenings &amp; referrals</li> </ul>		residents, Health
Community (public)				Fairs held –
forums to increase	0 people reached by			Screenings, mini-
awareness of and access	chronic disease related	Year 2:		Farmers' Market,
to resources to increase	outreach activities	Plan and promote activities that align      with least health absorbers.		and other partners/programs
culturally appropriate,		with key health observances		partifers/programs
accessible, and inclusive	0 Chronic disease	<ul> <li>Expand CAREAPP directory of relevant chronic disease prevention and</li> </ul>		July – December
disease prevention	related evidence-based	management resources		2022: <b>22</b> Evidence-
activities across the	programs	management resources		based programs
lifespan for Howard	0 completers of chronic	<u>Year 3:</u>		held, <b>90</b> completers
•	disease related	Evaluate impact of outreach events and		of evidence-based
County residents.	evidence-based	evidence-based programs		programs
		Expand utilization of CAREAPP		July – December
	programs (adults)			2022: <b>41</b> Chronic
	0 CAREAPP			disease related outreach events
	searches/connections			held, <b>882</b> enrolled
	related to chronic			individuals for
	disease prevention			chronic disease
	· ·			related events
	and/or management			
	Target(s):			January – June
	0			2023: <b>23</b> Evidence-
	20 Chronic disease			based programs
	related outreach events			held, <b>153</b>
				completers of
				evidence-based
				programs

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	250 enrolled individuals			<b>26</b> Chronic disease
1	on disease prevention			related outreach
	(adults)			activities held,
				>2000 individuals
	25 Chronic disease			reached through
	related evidence-based			chronic disease
	programs			related activities
	pi obi amo			
	100 Completers of			July – September: <b>5</b>
	chronic disease related			Evidence-based
	evidence-based			programs held, 32
				completers of
	programs			evidence-based
1.	35 CAREARR			programs
	25 CAREAPP			<b>13</b> Chronic disease
	searches/connections			related outreach
	related to chronic			activities held; 275
	disease prevention			individuals reached
	and/or management			through chronic
				disease related
				activities
				September–
				December 2023: <b>7</b>
				Evidence-based
				programs held, 79
				completers of
				evidence-based
				programs,
				18 Chronic disease
				related outreach
				activities held; 203
				individuals reached
				through chronic
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				disease related activities  January – March 2024: 12 Evidence-based programs held, 130 completers of evidence-based programs, 6 Chronic disease related outreach activities held; 200 individuals reached through chronic disease related activities
Objective 2 (SP):  Through June 2025, convene quarterly Chronic Disease Community (provider) forums to increase awareness of and access to resources across the lifespan and coordinated community planning to increase culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive	Baseline:  O new providers utilizing/promoting CAREAPP  O CAREAPP searches/connections related to chronic disease prevention and/or management  Target(s):	<ul> <li>Year 1:         <ul> <li>Convene regular CDPMG meetings with Coalition partners and community members</li> <li>Support and promote accessible and culturally appropriate evidence-based programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>Year 2:         <ul> <li>Expand utilization of CAREAPP by providers as a tool for resource sharing and connections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Year 3:         <ul> <li>Monitor provider CAREAPP usage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Start: June 2022 End: June 2025	February 2022: Meetings initiated to start place-based outreach efforts with 8 residential communities  June 2022: Began partnerships with Columbia Association, HC Recreation & Parks, Roving Radish and,

support for	8 new providers	•	Review outreach event and evidence-	The Y in Ellicott City
management of chronic	utilizing/promoting		based program data	(Dancel)
diseases and related	CAREAPP			
health conditions				February 2023:
	25 CAREAPP			Began partnership
	searches/connections			with Claudia Mayer
	related to chronic			/ Tina Broccolino
	disease prevention			Cancer Resource
	and/or management			Center
				March 2023: Began
				partnership with
				American Lung
				Association
				Association
				April – August :
				Began Partnerships
				with Chase Brexton
				Health Care's
				Center for LGBTQ
				Health Equity,
				CareFirst
				Engagement
				Center, Priority
				Partners MCO,
				Food at the Center
				January –
				September 2023:
				Met regularly as
				workgroup to

				discuss ongoing chronic disease initiatives from providers(partners)  September – December 2023: JHHCMC Co-Chair Announced
Objective 3:  By June 2025, conduct quarterly review and update of the HCLHIC website and Chronic Disease Resource Guide and promote content widely among partners and community members.	Baseline: Monthly update  Target: Quarterly update	<ul> <li>Review HCLHIC website Chronic Disease page and make updates as needed quarterly</li> <li>Review the Howard County Chronic Disease Resource Guide and make updates as needed quarterly</li> <li>Promote HCLHIC website, resource guide and other local and national chronic disease resources widely</li> </ul>	Start: May 2021 End: June 2025	January 2023: Chronic Disease webpage updated  February 2023: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Resource Guide created  May 2023: Health Action Item Updated  June 2023: Chronic Disease Webpage and Self- Management Program Resource Guide updated

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Management

				Program Resource
				Guide updated
				February 2024: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Resource Guide updated/ Nutrition webpage created March 2024:
				Chronic Disease
				Webpage updated
				April 2024: Chronic
				Disease Self-
				Management
				Poster and Flyers
				Finalized
				May 2024: Chronic Disease Self- Management Poster and Flyers request link created
Objective 4:	Baseline: 0 flyer	Design and translate flyer with partner	Start: December	December 2023: Mi
Dy lune 2025 areate	Target, 1 fluer	nutrition classes to promote healthy	2023	Flava Plata
By June 2025, create	Target: 1 flyer			Presentation given by Dr. Holder
and promote flyer with				by Dr. Holder

	eating to manage and prevent the onset	End: June 2025	
	of chronic conditions.		February 2024:
•	Promote flyer through partners, community events, social media, etc.		University of Maryland- Extension Presentation on Dining with Diabetes and Fresh
			Conversations given by Karen Basinger
			March 2024: Nutrition flyer developed
	•	of chronic conditions.  • Promote flyer through partners,	of chronic conditions.  • Promote flyer through partners,

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**HCLHIC Workgroup: Healthy Minds and Suicide Prevention Coalition** 

**Goal 3:** Increase awareness of culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive mental health resources and supports to reduce stigma around mental health, promote brain health, and promote social engagement across the lifespan in collaboration with Coalition and community partners in Howard County.

#### Key Measure(s): 2021 Maryland Vital Statistics Administration & BRFSS:

#### Mental Health:

- 14.0% of Howard County residents reported having 8+ days of not good mental health in 2020 compared to 11.3% in 2016 (BRFSS, age-adjusted rate).
- The prevalence of doctor-diagnosed Depression was 14.8% in 2020 compared with 12.2 in 2019 (BRFSS, age-adjusted rate).

#### Suicide:

• The (3-year age-adjusted rate per 100,000) death rate increased to 8.3 in 2019 compared with 7.6 in 2016 (Maryland Vital Statistics Administration).

Alignment with Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Minds

Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities (if applicable): Behavioral Health – Goal 1

**HCLHIC Staff:** Ashton Jordan

Co-Chairs: Jessica Fisher – HCHD & Jessica LaFave - VA Maryland Health Care System

Objectives	Measure	Action Steps	Timeframe	Status Update

Objective 1 (SP):	Baseline:	Year 1:	Start: June 2021	April 2022: Suicide
Through June 2025, collaborate with coalition members through various partner forums to advance shared priorities and ensure awareness of and access to resources to increase social engagement of culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive mental health resources and supports across the lifespan for Howard County community members.	1 campaign (youth-focused)  0 mental health forum  0 mental health presence at outreach events  Target(s):  1 campaign (across lifespan)  2 mental health forums  4 mental health presence at outreach events	<ul> <li>Convene regular meetings with Coalition partners and community members</li> <li>Plan and launch of suicide prevention campaign across lifespan</li> <li>Plan and launch suicide prevention forum</li> <li>Year 2:</li> <li>Monitor and evaluate suicide prevention campaign</li> <li>Increase mental health presence at outreach events</li> <li>Host Veterans Mental health presentation at full LHIC meeting</li> <li>Plan trainings for staff related to mental health first aid and Veterans' outreach efforts</li> <li>Year 3:</li> <li>Make plans for continuity of efforts including future forums and presentations</li> </ul>	End: June 2025	Prevention campaign launched at full LHIC meeting  May 2022: Suicide Prevention Forum held  September 2022: Community Ambassador Mental Health Awareness Session  October 2022: Howard County Out of the Darkness Walk  December 2022: Soldier and Family Readiness and Resiliency Forum  March 2023: Initiated planning of "Healthy Minds" Mental Health Fair for summer and winter, Light the Night 5k, Substance Use Tabling,

	Community Menta
	Health St Johns
	Baptist Church
	April 2023: Not
	"Check Box"
	Training: Real
	Practices in
	Resilience for Poli
	hosted with 20+ la
	enforcement
	officers, NAMI Ou
	turn to talk
	documentary,
	June 2023: Milita
	Culture
	Presentation,
	Sources of Streng
	"Train the trainer
	training complete
	by co-chair (Jessi
	Fisher)
	July 2023: Gun
	Violence Solution
	Presentation
	September 2023:
	HCHD BH Suicide

**Prevention Month** 

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	Activities, Mental
	Health Information
	Forum at Savage
	Library (suicide
	awareness painting
	activity here)
	September 2023:
	Hosted CAMS-Care
	training
	June - September
	2023: Increased
	mental health
	presence at events,
	participated in or
	provided mental
	health resources for:
	NAACP Blood
	Drive
	HC Fall Festival
	HCPSS
	Networking Fair
	Several
	Back to School
	events
	Dragon Fair at
	НСС
	988 Presentation

				<ul> <li>Merriweather         Teen and Family         Night</li> <li>Rotary Club         Youth Mental         Health Summit</li> <li>HoCo Pride</li> <li>October – December         2023: Increased         mental health         presence at events,         participated in or         provided mental         health resources for:</li> </ul>
Objective 2 (SP):  By June 2025, collaborate with Coalition members to promote culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive social engagement opportunities, mental health resources and	Baseline: Monthly update  Target: Quarterly update	<ul> <li>Review HCLHIC website Healthy Minds pages and make updates as needed quarterly</li> <li>Promote HCLHIC website, Howard County Behavioral Health resources and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Programs and other local and national behavioral health resources widely</li> <li>Conduct outreach and education around mental health resources and supports</li> </ul>	Start: June 2021 End: June 2025	August 2022: Healthy Minds – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention pages on the LHIC website updated  August 2022: Howard County Behavioral Health –

supports for Howard	Program Guide
County residents of all	Updated
ages and abilities.	
	November 2022:
	Created a Veterans
	Resources Page on
	the LHIC website
	January 2023:
	Mental Health
	Suicide Prevention
	Programs Resource
	Guide updated
	Fobruary May
	February – May 2023: Mental Health
	webpage
	maintained; Suicide
	Prevention Resource
	Guide updated with
	new relevant
	materials
	June - September
	2023: Teen Health
	Matters webpage
	and print materials
	updated, Suicide
	Prevention Programs
	Resource Guide
	updated

Objective 3:  By June 2025, collaborate with Coalition members and partners to promote mental health and suicide prevention classes among priority populations in Howard	Baseline:  TBD: # Classes offered  TBD: # Class completers  Target: # Classes/participants	<ul> <li>Review and discuss Mental Health First Aid (adult and youth) and other suicide prevention class data offered by partners</li> <li>Evaluate impact of outreach events and evidence-based programs</li> <li>Create plan for increasing mental health and suicide prevention class uptake by priority populations such faith-based organizations and community groups</li> </ul>	Start: March 2024 End: May 2025	March 2024: HCHD Epis began developing heat map for MHFA class participants April 2024: Heat Map finalized
classes among priority	Classes/participants	. , , , , ,		Map IIIIaii2Ca

Updated: May 2024

**HCLHIC Priorities: Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Livings, Healthy Minds** 

**HCLHIC Workgroup: Food Security Committee** 

**Goal (new):** Increase access to and awareness of culturally appropriate, accessible, affordable, and nutritious food to decrease food and nutrition insecurity among Howard County residents

#### Key Measure(s): 2021 HCHAS:

- 5% of residents indicated that it is *often true* and 11% of residents indicated that it is *sometimes true* that they worry about whether food would run out before they had money to buy more.
- 29% of adults were overweight and 25% of adults were obese; 1 in 2 adults in Howard County is either overweight or obese
  - o Of those identified as obese: 37% were Black, 27% were White and 7% Asian
- 11% of individuals drink regular soda daily; 18% of individuals eat fruits three times or more per day; and 16% of individuals eat vegetables three or more times per day while 32% of residents eat vegetables less than once per day over the past week
  - o Of those reporting having eaten vegetables less than once per day over the past week 47% earn less than \$50K annually

Alignment with Howard County General Hospital Priorities (if applicable): Healthy Living

**Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities:** Healthy Lifestyle - Goal 3

**HCLHIC Staff:** TBD

Co-Chairs: Carrie Ross - Community Action Council & Genesis Caplan - Howard County SNAP-Ed

Objectives	Measure	Action Steps	Timeframe	Status Update
Objective 1:  By June 2025, collaborate with partners to review and	Year 1:  Baseline: 0 Food Security	<ul> <li>Year 1:</li> <li>Convene regular Food Security Committee meetings with Coalition partners and community members</li> </ul>	Start: May 2022 End: June 2025	June 2022: Food Security Committee meetings: bi-monthly

implement solutions to	Committee	Assess food and nutrition security needs	meetings convened
address food and	meetings	of residents through survey data collection	and held.
	meetings	Gather feedback from partners related to	and neid.
nutrition security needs	Target: Bi-monthly	barriers and needs related to food and	Food and Nutrition
of Howard County	Food Security	nutrition security of residents	Survey created and
residents	Committee	Host collaborative partner Pop-Up food	translated into four
		pantries	
	meetings	·	languages: Spanish,
	Year 2:		French, Korean and
	<u> </u>		Mandarin. Distributed
	Baseline: 0 Food	Year 2:	with the assistance of
	Security Panel		partners through
	session	Analyze and present food and nutrition	February 2023; 406
		survey data	responses received.
	Target: 1 Food	Convene food and nutrition security round	
	Security Panel	table discussion to determine gaps and	March 2023: Howard
	session	solutions to decrease food and nutrition	County Food
		insecurity	Connection GIS Map
	<u>Year 3:</u>	Create framework with short- and long-	created and embedded
		term plans for addressing food and	on the LHIC website.
	Baseline: 0 Pop Up	<ul><li>nutrition insecurity</li><li>Disseminate summary data and</li></ul>	
	Pantries	framework	September 2023: 2
	Target, 1 Den Un	Create collaborative plan for addressing	Food Security
	Target: 1 Pop Up	identified gaps	roundtable sessions
	Pantry	Create a plan for the establishment of a	conducted on Food
		food council to implement interventions	Access and Food
		addressing food and nutrition insecurity at	Needs: 25-30
		the Policy, Systems, and Environmental	participants
		Change (PSE) level	1
		Host collaborative partner Pop-Up food	November 2023: Food
		pantries	Security roundtables
			report created
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<ul> <li>Year 3:</li> <li>Host collaborative partner Pop-Up food pantries</li> <li>Explore formation of a food council to address food and nutrition insecurity through PSE interventions</li> </ul>	outlining need for food council  April 2023: 1 Pop Up Food Pantry held at low-income senior residential community. A total of 150 bags of food were distributed. 75 bags of fresh produce: bell peppers, potatoes, apples, and oranges. 75 bags of dried goods were distributed: rice, oats, black beans, and canned tomatoes.
	75 bags of fresh
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	black beans, and
	canned tomatoes.
	August 2023: 3 Pop Up
	food pantries held at
	Deep Run Elementary
	School. 4,492 pounds
	of food were
	distributed to 502
	individuals within 113
	households. Food
	items distributed: dried
	and canned goods,
	fresh produce including
	apples, oranges,

Objective 2:	Year 1:	Year 1:	Start: November	bananas, potatoes, onions, green peppers, sweet peppers, habanero peppers, serrano peppers, salad mix, and peaches  October 2022: Partners
By June 2025, increase awareness of and access to culturally appropriate, accessible, affordable, and nutritious food for Howard County residents across the lifespan	Baseline: Non- updated Food and Nutrition Resource guide  Target: Updated Food and Nutrition Resource guide  Year 2:  Baseline: No Food Access Brochure  Target: Food Access Brochure  Baseline: No Food Connection Map Poster	<ul> <li>Update and disseminate Partner Food and Nutrition Resource Guide</li> <li>Update guide bi-annually</li> <li>Year 2:</li> <li>Draft digital and print brochures for residents to easily access free and reduced-cost nutritious food places in Howard County</li> <li>Gather feedback, finalize, translate, and disseminate food brochures widely</li> <li>Update food brochures bi-annually</li> <li>Create a favorite's folder in CAREAPP that lists all the food pantries and hot meal services and programs in Howard County.</li> <li>Create a pantry spotlight video series highlighting the work of LHIC's food pantry partners in reducing food insecurity and</li> </ul>	2022 End: June 2025	gathered to inform updates to the LHIC Food and Nutrition Resource guide.  January & March 2023: Resource Guide updated  March 2023: The English all locations tri- fold food brochure (print and digital) approved and placed on LHIC website.  March 2023: Food Pantries and Hot Meals Favorite's Folder created in CAREAPP.  May 2023: Food Pantries and Hot Meals

Opadica, May 2027		
Target: Food Connection Map poster  Baseline: No Food Pantries and Hot Meals Favorites Folder in CAREAPP  Target: 1 Food Pantries and Hot Meals Favorites Folder in CAREAPP  Baseline: 0 Food Pantry Spotlight videos  Target: 4 Food Pantry Spotlight videos.  Baseline: 0 community gardens at Howard County Public School System Title I Elementary Schools Target: 2	stigma surrounding food access in Howard County.  Establish and support container garden at senior residential community  Establish a community garden and nutrition education program at two (2) Title I elementary schools in Howard County with assistance from partners.  Year 3:  Continue food pantry spotlight video series by engaging community members experiencing food insecurity to highlight their stories to advance food security initiatives.  Provide food connection map posters and food resources to all the medical providers in Howard County.  Encourage the establishment of community gardens in all Howard County public schools.  Continue supporting container gardening at senior residential community.	brochures (print and digital) approved and placed on LHIC website.  May 2023: Resource Guide updated  May 2023: Food Connection Map Poster created and distributed to partners.  May 2023: Container Gardens established at senior residential community. 160 containers and grow bags were planted with 950 herb and vegetable plants. 150 residents participated in this event.  July 2023: Howard County Food & Nutrition survey poster was presented at the Society for Nutrition Education and
community		

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gardens at Howard		Behavior Conference in
County Public		DC on July 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
School System		
Title I Elementary		August 2023:
Schools		Community Garden
		and Nutrition
<u>Year 3:</u>		Education program
Baseline: No		established at Bryant
community		Woods and Talbott
members food		Springs Elementary
spotlight video		Schools
interview		
interview		September 2023:
Target: 2		Resource Guide
community		updated.
members food		September 2023:
spotlight video		Two in-person Food
interviews		Security Roundtable
		sessions were held in
		September with 25 –
		30 key stakeholders
		*
		attending each
		October 2023: 181
		Food Connection Map
		posters distributed to
		partners.

Updated: May 2024	•		
			November 2023: Food Connection Map updated
			November 2023: All food pantries and hot meals brochures updated on the LHIC website (digital only).
			November 2023: Food Pantries and Hot Meals Favorite's Folder updated in CAREAPP to 45 listings.
			November 2023: 4 food pantry spotlight videos completed and placed on YouTube; LHIC's Healthy Eating page.
			December 2023: Food resource guide updated.
			December 2023: 187 Food connection map posters distributed to partners.

Updated: May 2024	
	December 2023: All
	locations trifold
	brochures and city-
	specific bi-fold
	brochures in English,
	Spanish, French,
	Korean and Chinese
	printed.
	April 2024: Veggie and
	herb seedlings grown
	by LHIC partners and
	HCHD staff from 175
	seed packets donated
	by Ace Hardware were
	donated to Owen
	Brown Place.

Updated: May 2024

**HCLHIC Priorities: Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Living, Healthy Minds** 

**HCLHIC Workgroup:** The Growing Healthy Families Workgroup focus is to improve birth outcomes for people of color in Howard County to advance efforts toward reducing health disparities.

**Key Measure(s):** 

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Deliveries by Race

Baseline: 5.09 Overall; 2.12 NH White; 10.84 NH Black; 4.53 NH Asian and 5.96 Hispanic (2017-2019 VSA)

Target: 9.7 or below in NH Blacks

Maternal Mortality Overall

Baseline: 2 Deaths (2017 VSA)

Target: 0 Deaths

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Deliveries by Race
Baseline: 176.6 per 10,000 (2017 MDmom.org, HSCRC)

Target: Under 160 Events per 10,000

Alignment with Howard County General Hospital Priorities (if applicable): N/A

Alignment with Howard County Health Department Priorities (if applicable): Maternal Infant Health Goals 1, 2, 3

**HCLHIC Staff: TBD** 

Co-Chairs: Erica S. Taylor, Howard County Office of Children and Families & Samantha Cribbs, HCHD

Objectives	Measure	Action Steps	Timeframe/Resp.	Status Update

**Goal 1:** Improve early access to respectful prenatal care experience for reproductive-aged women of color.

Objective 1.1 (SP):  Assess the barriers to PNC for women of color.  Objective 1.2 (SP):  Increase early enrollment into prenatal care for women of color	Baseline: No Prenatal Care: <1% overall; 1.8% NHB moms; 5.0% Hispanic moms (2015-2019 VSA)  Target: <1% for all Race/Ethnic Groups  Baseline: PNC Started in First Trimester: 77% NH White; 61% NH Black; 69% NH Asian; 50% Hispanic (2105-2019 VSA)  Target: PNC Started in First Trimester for 67% NH Blacks and 55% Hispanics	<ul> <li>Optimizing first visit for prenatal care to encourage retention. Acknowledge and address barriers that exist for women of color.</li> <li>Communications to women in communities of focus and providers using CHWs and partners to share messages and help connect people in the community to pre-natal care (PNC.)</li> <li>Encourage OBs to start PNC early and promote pre-conception care in OB/GYN practices.</li> </ul>	Start: Fall 2024 (Year Three of CHW Network)  Black Maternal Health Week (Spring 2024)	
Objective 1.3:  Increase access to implicit bias training for	Baseline: 1 training  Target: 2 trainings	Create a central resource for training opportunities on implicit bias	Jan 2024	Implicit bias training recording from February 11, 2020, on

healthcare providers and staff  Goal 2: Decrease dispariti	ies in pre-term and lov	Create a toolkit for onboarding maternal health workers, doulas, CHWs to include anti-racism and cultural bias training.  v birth weight births.		LHIC website's Special Program's page
Objective 2.1 (SP):  Support community efforts to close gaps in PN support and education especially in Columbia, Ellicott City, Laurel, and Elkridge	Baseline: 0 events  Target: Annual  BMHW event	<ul> <li>Identify and support community efforts in PN support and education in identified communities</li> <li>Plan and implement outreach to selected communities and their providers         <ul> <li>Incorporate as part of Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Start: January 2024 End: Ongoing as part of Workgroup Start: 2024	
Goal 3: Promote equitable Objective 3.1 (SP): Improve equitable access to doula and midwifery services by increasing awareness of their availability and benefits among prenatal providers.	Baseline: 74 PN providers in county – found 7 with OBs and 2 with midwives that promote doula services	<ul> <li>Collect information from NH Black and Hispanic women on interest in doulas</li> <li>Provide information to prenatal providers about doulas and midwives</li> <li>Create a doula supportive environment within Howard County.</li> </ul>	Start: August 2024 December 2024 – Focus Group with CHWs recruiting Maternal Infant Health Forum (Spring 2024)	Midpoint: MomCares contracted to recruit, train, and support doulas in the county.

	Target: 20 PN providers aware of doula services		
Objective 3.4 (SP):  Facilitate access to antiracist and culturally congruent education for home visiting programs staff.	Baseline: Parents as Teachers and Healthy Families have culturally congruent components  Target: 100% of programs will have access to training in anti-racist and culturally congruent practices	<ul> <li>Engage the community, specifically cultural organizations, in information practice and connecting families with home visiting services</li> <li>Black Maternal Health Week activities: start October/November 2023 for Spring 2024</li> </ul>	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, event: 40 registrations; 10 – 15 attendees  Panel attendees total: 10  Total event participation: 15-20 (missed a few sign-ins that came in toward the end)  Raffled off 1 Pack n Play (HCHD), 2 Bedtime in a Box kits (HCHD), and 1 free month of prenatal yoga (Blossom & Grow Wellness)  Panel well received; Massage + Reiki was great hit
Goal 4: Increase awarenes	ss of Maternal and Infa	int Health resources in Howard County through L	.HIC communication channels

2025, conduct quarterly review and update of the HCLHIC website and Healthy Beginnings> Maternal/Infant/Child Health Resources webpage and promote healthy beginnings resources and information widely among partners and community members.	Baseline: No updates  Target: Quarterly updates  Baseline: 0 partners attend Growing Healthy Families workgroup  Target: 10 partners attend quarterly Growing Healthy Families workgroup.	<ul> <li>Review and update HCLHIC website's Healthy Beginnings&gt; Maternal/Infant/Child Health Resources webpage quarterly.</li> <li>Share healthy beginnings resources, hospital classes, and information through LHIC communications including at meetings, newsletters, and social media.</li> <li>Collaborate with Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center to promote their child, infant and parent classes.</li> </ul>	Start: November 2023 End: May 2025	November 2023: Convened Growing Healthy Families workgroup; 20 partners attended meeting.  December 2023: Updated HCLHIC's Healthy Beginnings webpage.
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