



# 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 (MDs, NPs, RNs, LCSWs, dental hygienists) and some administrative costs (office clerks/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, i.e., 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 a three-year grant for \$425,000 in FY 2016 to open a second SBHC in Wicomico County (\$150,000 in year one).
- 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.
- 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.



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## CHRC GRANT IN FREDERICK

- Frederick County Health Department was awarded an three-year grant for \$400,000 in FY 2009 to start a SBHC at Hillcrest Elementary School (\$200,000 in year one).
- Grant funds supported 0.7 FTE nurse, 0.3 FTE physician (increase to 0.5 in year 2), 0.1 FTE dental hygienist, 1.0 FTE family service worker, 1.0 FTE office services clerk, 0.13 FTE interpreter, and 0.05 FTE program director. Grant funds were also used for equipment, medical, and office supplies (\$38,000).
- The Hillcrest Elementary SBHC offers primary care, dental, and case management services.
- Through an innovative collaboration, the program is operated by Frederick Community Action Agency and has been **expanded** to three 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.
- Charged with developing policy recommendations to improve health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from School-Based Health Centers.
- 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.

# COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

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**Michele Eberle** – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

**Mark Luckner** – Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

# COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

- The Council has created three Work Groups, comprised of its members and additional members of the public.
- Much of the substantive work of the Council is carried out in Work Groups.

**Systems Integration and Funding-** add financial information to annual MSDE SBHC report and provide T.A. session around Medicaid billing with SBHC Administrators

**Data Collection and Reporting-** work with MSDE to re-write the SBHC annual survey

**Quality and Best Practices-** work with MSDE to update the SBHC Standards



# SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER WHITE PAPER



- A white paper and policy recommendations are being developed to demonstrate the value proposition of SBHCs.
- Research and analysis will be provided by Harbage Consulting, an independent firm with expertise in Medicaid policy and SBHCs in other states.
- Key stakeholder interviews are ongoing.
- The white paper is due to be released at the end of 2018.