

Obesity Task Force Meeting
120 S. Hays Street – 2nd Floor Conference Room
April 25, 2012 8:30 a.m.

Attendees

Bruce Clarke, Michael Elder, Janet Gleisner, Dr. Rebecca Hartwig, Susan Kelly, Kathy Kraft, Arden McClune, Dr. Russell Moy, Mary Nasuta for Dr. Tomback, Laura McIntosh, Bari Klein, Joan Salim, Dr. Katy Richardson, Laura Dahl

- Susan Kelly welcomed everyone and invited attendees to introduce themselves.
- Laura Dahl provided an overview of the Spigit platform. She will send the link to Susan Kelly. Susan will then forward the link to all task force members.
- Katy Richardson is in the final phase of her capstone project titled “Moving Towards a Healthier Harford.” She showed a Powerpoint presentation describing this project.
- Kathy Kraft provided a Community Engagement subcommittee update which included four key recommendations that focus around promotion, awareness, education, and key “influencers”.
- Arden McClune presented the Built Environment workgroup update. Recommendations include connectivity, commuting alternatives, walking paths, recreation, and community support.
- Laura McIntosh provided an update for the Access to Healthy Foods subcommittee. Recommendations include utilizing schools to teach meal planning and exercise outside of the school day, promoting farmer’s market at senior centers and continue use of farmer’s market coupons, advocating for additional fresh fruit and vegetable tastings at more elementary schools, promoting Healthy Harford website, providing recipe cards with fruits and vegetables at food pantries, and providing educational outreach.
- Susan Kelly reviewed the “Interim Report to County Council”. She invited interested parties to attend the May 1st Board of Health presentation.
- Susan said the “next steps” will be to provide recommendations to the County Council. She stressed the importance of having an action plan and strategy for implementation.
- Susan informed everyone that Harford County Health Department received a Maryland Community Health Resource Commission grant of \$25,000 for our Local Health Improvement Process, and a bonus amount of \$25,000 for Behavioral Health. Harford was one of only four jurisdictions to receive bonus funding.