

# ***Presentation to the Harford County Board of Health***



Harford County Health Department



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# County Funded Programs

- *Administration*
- *Addictions*
- *Teen Diversion*
- *Environmental Health*

# Strategic Planning Process 2013-2018

The Health Department seeks to improve services and ensure that it is meeting the changing needs of the community.

The 6 strategic planning focus areas selected by Health Department staff include:

- *Ensuring Financial Stability and Sustainability*
- *Improving Access to Care*
- *Promoting Workforce Development*
- *Implementing Continuous Quality Improvement*
- *Incorporating Information Technology Advances*
- *Developing Data Analysis and Epidemiologic Capacity*

# Local Health Improvement Process

- *Obesity Prevention*

Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle

- *Tobacco Use Prevention*

Tobacco Free Living

- *Behavioral Health*

Mental Health and Substance Abuse focus

# Addiction Services

Safety net provider for uninsured, under-insured or low income population offering:

- *counseling groups*
- *educational groups*
- *family support and education*
- *individual counseling*
- *assessments (walk-in and scheduled)*
- *suboxone program*
- *breathalyzer/urine testing*
- *psychiatric services*
- *residential treatment referrals*
- *continuing care*

# Addiction Services

## Treatment and Recovery Highlights

- *HOPE Program/Behavioral Health Unit in Detention Center*
- *Collaboration with Upper Chesapeake Emergency Dept. - rapid referral to treatment*
- *Methadone Contract - funds slots with a private provider*
- *Vivitrol Pilot Program - abstinence maintenance*
- *Outreach to mothers whose newborns are drug/alcohol exposed*
- *ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care) – promotes recovery through peers, families and faith-based communities. Recovery coach/peer specialist- one on one support with visits, telephone contacts, recovery groups, and accompanying clients to fellowship meetings, recovery events, and appointments*
- *Access to Recovery and Care Coordination – Transitions clients from residential treatment. Provides case management to access halfway houses, transportation, vital records, etc.*

# Teen Diversion

- *psychiatric day treatment program*
- *serves Harford County adolescents between the ages of 13 and 17*
- *addresses behavioral and emotional problems that impact adolescents' ability to function at home, at school and in the community.*
- *diverts adolescents from a more restrictive therapeutic or educational placement*

# Teen Diversion-Cost savings

	Successful Diversions from Medical Assistance funded In-Patient Hospitalization *	Estimated Savings from diverted MA funded hospital stays (\$6000 per stay, \$1200 per day)	Successful Diversions from Out-of-Home (OOH) Placement **	Number of total months teens at risk of OOH placement spent in their home communities while attending TD	Estimated Savings from diverted RTC or VPA placements (\$16,000 per month)	Successful Diversions from Non-Public Educational Placement ***	Estimated Savings from diverted Non-Public Educational Placements (average of \$55,000 for one school year)	<i>Estimated Total Savings from Teen Diversion Program</i>
<b>FY 2012</b>	4	\$24,000	4	36	\$576,000	6	\$330,000	<i>\$930,000</i>
<b>FY 2011</b>	2	\$12,000	5	52	\$832,000	3	\$165,000	<i>\$1,009,000</i>
<b>FY 2010</b>	4	\$24,000	10	55	\$880,000	4	\$220,000	<i>\$1,124,000</i>
<b>FY 2009</b>	3	\$18,000	6	37	\$592,000	7	\$385,000	<i>\$995,000</i>
								<b><i>TOTAL \$4,058,000</i></b>



# Environmental Health

- *Building permit review*
- *Camps*
- *Food service permits and inspections*
- *Lyme disease education*
- *Perc testing*
- *Pet store inspection and exotic bird program*
- *Public pools*
- *Rabies (2,396 animals vaccinated at HD clinics April-May)*
- *On-site sewage disposal*
- *Subdivision plan review*
- *Vector control*
- *Water and wells*