



DRAFT: Harford County Local Health Improvement Coalition Bylaws

The Community Health Resource Commission (CHRC) provided funding to all local health department's last year with the aim of assisting LHICs to build the local support, capacity and infrastructure necessary to advance diabetes prevention and management initiatives, and other population health improvements.

A key proponent of this funding included creating a well-defined LHIC structure through a charter or bylaws stating the LHIC's purpose, scope of work, meeting schedules and rules of engagement.

A draft of these bylaws have been created and we are looking for LHIC members to comment or provide suggestions before APRIL 30th, 2021.

You can view the draft [here](#).

Please send all comments to ronya.nassar@maryland.gov.

Please note that these bylaws do not replace the ones created for the MHAAC.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Harford County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) is a coalition of community organizations and members that work to improve health outcomes, reduce health disparities, and build a healthy and informed community in Harford County, Maryland. The Management plan addresses the intentions of the LHIC to address all factors regarding health needs and access. The vision of the LHIC is to improve health outcomes and access to care to achieve health equity.

The LHIC sets public health priorities for the community and addresses these priorities through programs and coordinated efforts with state, county and local organizations/stakeholders. The LHIC develops a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that outlines strategic action and sets goals and objectives for priority areas identified from the Community Health Needs Assessment and additional priority needs as they arise.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to illustrate the goals, structure and governance of the Harford County LHIC, and responsibilities that comply with being a representative on the LHIC.

III. GOALS

The overarching goals of the LHIC are:

- To address the priority health needs in Harford County, Maryland identified by the most current cycle of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).
- To assist in the process for collecting data regarding the CHNA.
- To promote efficient and effective use of resources available to county organizations and residents to address health needs and promote health improvements in Harford County.
- To increase productivity and collaboration towards common health outcomes for Harford County residents, and to understand the roles of the LHIC members and Organizational Partners in achieving these outcomes.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

MHAAC | LHIC | OIT virtual meeting - Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 from 8:00 to 10:00am via Google Meets.

If you would like to attend these meetings or need the Google Meets information please email Christina Claypool (Christina.Claypool@maryland.gov)

Publications of Interest

[Are COVID-19 vaccines safe in pregnancy?](#)

Source: Nature Public Health Emergency Collection, Nature Reviews. Immunology

[How to prevent side effects of social media use \(SMU\)? Relationship between daily stress, online social support, physical activity and addictive tendencies – A longitudinal approach before and during the first Covid-19 lockdown in Germany](#)

Source: Elsevier B.V. Journal of Affective Disorders Reports

[Strengthening Social and Economic, Medical, and Public Health Systems Before Disasters Strike](#)

Source: American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

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