



**Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Workgroup  
Towson University Northeast (TUNE Center) Room  
214 510 Thomas Run Road Bel Air, MD 21015  
March 11, 2025 | 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

**Opening and Updates - Ronya Nassar**

- Refreshments and snacks provided by the HCHD Cancer Prevention Program, thank you!

**Legislative Update - Brooke Torton, Legal Resource Center**

- 2025 Legislative Tracker: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15j8CzirjJLDIHfIOF\\_i7DAO-N-mGfnaMrTLYolpL75A/edit?gid=1843444260#gid=1843444260](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15j8CzirjJLDIHfIOF_i7DAO-N-mGfnaMrTLYolpL75A/edit?gid=1843444260#gid=1843444260)
- SB108 - Condos and Co-ops smoking and vaping policy that says where smoking is prohibited and where it is allowed. It helps buyers know what to expect when they buy a property
- HB1318 - Establish a premium cigar lounge license alongside alcohol sales
- HB1213 - prohibits self-checkout machines for alcohol
- HB1379 & HB24- Allows beer wine liquor in chain stores and supermarkets
- Brooke will send last year's legislative updates slide deck as well: includes Tobacco Retail Modernization Act which addresses increase in license fees, ID checks, product placement, and fines for being out of compliance.
- Do these bills have spatial limitations? Regarding the number of retailers in a specific area. A jurisdiction can have one license, to sell pipe tobacco, but must be 60% of sales.
- Will there be bills added to this tracker? Every new bill introduced will be added, or if there is a bill that someone is interested in, it can be added if you reach out to the LRC.

**Cancer Prevention Program Update - Karrie Schnauffer and Megan Casem, HCHD**

- March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month – please go get screened!
- Free colorectal and lung cancer screenings to eligible residents.
- Contact phone number 443-252-7038. QR Codes for patient self-referrals, and provider quick access referrals are available in the attached presentation.
- Quick summary of program eligibility guidelines (see slides for detailed guidelines):
  - Colorectal Screenings
    - Uninsured/underinsured
    - NAVIGATION only clients
  - Lung Screenings
    - Uninsured only
- Partnering with Exact Sciences to start providing Cologuard test kits to eligible clients. Date TBD.
- [Cancer Prevention Program Community Survey](#)

**Open Discussion**

- [Harford Gain](#) (Geriatric Assistance and Information Network) holding a free caregivers conference at the McFaul Senior Center on Saturday, April 26.

- Harford County TUNE Center will be holding a concert for all students on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Reach out if you would like to have a table of resources.
- Harford County Health Department Minority Health Program's Smoothie Sip & Paint events on March 11-13<sup>th</sup>. Locations: Windsor Valley, Somerset, and Village at Lakeview.
- HCHD Tobacco Prevention and Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy have partnered with Aberdeen Middle School to help provide tobacco and vape education to students during lunch hours due to the rise in students caught with electronic smoking devices.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Towson University Northeast (TUNE Center) Room 214 (510 Thomas Run Road Bel Air, MD 21015)**