

STATE OF MARYLAND



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Agenda: Transportation/Access to Care & Special Needs/Vulnerable Populations

Joint Advisory Group Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

206 North Commerce Street
Centreville, Maryland 21617

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Welcome and brief overview of what needs to be accomplished today

10:15am- 10:45 am

Presentation by Joy Ashcraft, Building Healthy Military Families

- Building Healthy Military Families is a Department of Defense pilot project aiming to better understand the unique challenges of geographically-dispersed service members and their families and to build collaborative communities within the state to overcome those challenges.

Additional questions to consider:

- How might this program serve the five jurisdictions on the Shore?
- How many service members in the region might be eligible for this program?

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Presentation by Garret Falcone, Long Term Care issues

- Types of services and existing regulations
- Demographic picture of residents in five jurisdictions
- Assessment of existing capacity of long term care providers in five jurisdictions
- Discussion of whether current capacity will be able to meet demands for LTC services in next 3-5 years

Additional questions to consider:

- What are practical/actionable recommendations for addressing the future needs of the aging population in the five jurisdictions?
- What impact does the American Health Care Act and/or Maryland's waiver have on long-term care?
- Should the expansion of home health services be considered?

11:30am-12:15pm

Presentation by Jim Raszewski, Program Manager/Compliance, the KFH Group: Maryland Transit Administration Office of Local Transit Support

- Existing rural transportation programs available for the state
- Grant/funding opportunities for transportation system improvement

Additional questions to consider:

- Are there specific programs that the Shore is not currently taking advantage of and should be?

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break (lunch will be provided)

12:30-1:10 p.m.

Discussion of Non-emergency transportation costs

- Assessing potential variations and magnitude in non-emergency transportation costs for transporting rural Medical Assistance beneficiaries and other patients
- Presentation by MHCC staff of survey of local Health Officers

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Presentation by Angela Mercier, Dorchester County Transportation Working Group

- Explanation of current regional and county transportation organizations
- Identified gaps or barriers in region

Additional questions to consider:

- Is there a lack of resources on the Shore, a lack of efficiency/organization, or both?
- What significant limitations/barriers exist at the state level for transportation improvement funding?
- What opportunities exist for expanding the regional transportation infrastructure?

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Discussion of concrete recommendations

1. Expansion or Enhancement of Mobile Integrated Health Care and other ways to link residents to existing resources and help reduce non-emergency 911 calls
 - a. Continuing education for residents and efforts to promote health literacy
 - b. Increasing the role of EMS workers in rural areas that lack access to physicians/primary care
 - c. 911 triage by RNs to find appropriate services
 - d. Use of community health workers
2. Promote an integrated rural health care delivery model, with an emphasis on improving health literacy and care coordination/care management
3. Better regional health planning to identify needs for transportation and health care delivery for vulnerable populations
4. Establishment/enhancement of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team to address behavioral health needs for the region.

2:45 p.m.

Next steps and Closing