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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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RE: Health General Article §13-2205(d) and Ch. 334 of the Acts 2005 (SB 782)
Fiscal Year 2015 Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers Initiative Legislative
Report

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to Health-General Article §13-2205(d), Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, through its Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel, is directed to submit this annual legislative report on issues relating to data collected on child abuse diagnosis and treatment, as well as the activities of the Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP) Initiative. The enclosed report covers the activities of Maryland CHAMP from July 2014 through June 2015.

If you have questions concerning this report, please contact Allison Taylor, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, at (410) 767-6481.

Sincerely,

Van T. Mitchell
Secretary

Enclosure

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Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers Initiative

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Background

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2005 (Senate Bill 782) charged the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Department) to establish the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative and appoint and convene the Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel (Expert Panel). The Expert Panel is charged with reviewing the appropriateness of Current Procedural Terminology codes and billing protocols for services related to child abuse and neglect, determining if diagnosis and treatment data could be utilized to provide statistics on the extent of child abuse and neglect in the State, and reviewing activities of the Centers of Excellence Initiative. The Expert Panel consists of representatives from the Department, the Department of Human Resources, the Maryland Children's Alliance, and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Child Maltreatment and Emergency Department Committees (Appendix A: Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members). In 2008, pursuant to Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2008 (House Bill 790), the Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative was renamed Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers (CHAMP) Initiative.

Child maltreatment is a common and serious public health concern. According to the Maryland Department of Human Resources' Child Protective Services (CPS), in fiscal year (FY) 2015 there were 23,471 cases of alleged child abuse and neglect in Maryland (Appendix B: Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction). Child maltreatment results in significant morbidity, mortality, and costs. Due to the complex nature of child abuse and neglect investigations, multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) comprised of medical professionals, CPS, law enforcement, mental health providers, forensic interviewers, and victim advocates are used to enhance and improve investigations and responses for children and families. MDTs staff child advocacy centers (CACs), which are child-friendly facilities where children and families engaged in child abuse investigations can access services (Appendix C: Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers). The CHAMP initiative was developed to provide expert consultation and training to local or regional MDTs in the diagnosis and treatment of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.

The CHAMP initiative is led by a faculty of child abuse medical experts who are responsible for recruiting and training a network of providers throughout the State to evaluate and treat cases of child maltreatment; providing ongoing training, consultation, and peer review to local providers; and developing strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Expert Panel has continued to review the activities of the CHAMP initiative annually. This report covers the FY 2015 activities of the CHAMP initiative.

Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers Initiative Activities

The CHAMP initiative is administered by the University of Maryland School of Medicine through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department. Howard Dubowitz, M.D., M.S., Chief of the Division of Child Protection at the School of Medicine, is the Director and Chair of the CHAMP faculty. In FY 2015, the CHAMP initiative maintained a faculty of six child abuse medical experts. The faculty meets once each month to discuss the development of the initiative. The CHAMP faculty provides training and support in the diagnosis and treatment of child maltreatment to local health care providers, and expert consultation to State agencies

involved in child abuse and neglect investigations, such as CPS and law enforcement. During FY 2015, the faculty developed a set of guidelines defining the qualifications necessary to become a designated CHAMP network provider (Appendix D: CHAMP Faculty and Network Provider Guidelines). In FY 2015, eight physicians participated as CHAMP network providers (Appendix E: CHAMP Faculty and Network Providers).

Local CHAMP providers are able to consult with a member of the CHAMP faculty 24 hours per day, seven days per week via a secure, online, HIPAA-compliant program known as TeleCAM. Local CHAMP providers are able to upload case information and images to the secure website, which is accessible only to CHAMP faculty. The faculty reviews the cases and provides evaluation feedback to the local provider. There were 110 new cases posted to TeleCAM during FY 2015.

In addition to providing consultation and peer review via TeleCAM, CHAMP held three half-day provider trainings in FY 2015 to review a variety of child maltreatment topics. These trainings included topics such as “Sexual Assault and the Law,” “Sexual Assault Examinations - General and Pediatric Considerations,” and “Human Trafficking.” Each training also included a case review session. The case review session is led by a faculty member and is an opportunity for providers to review and discuss cases. The case review session is particularly helpful for those who practice in low-volume jurisdictions and may not have opportunities to assess rare or less common findings in a clinical setting.

The CHAMP initiative continues to maintain a website (www.mdchamp.org) that provides resources for health care professionals and the public. The resources include referral guidelines, practice recommendations, education and policy resources, child maltreatment referral locations in all Maryland jurisdictions, and mental health and community resources for families.

In FY 2015, a new Child Health Program Manager was hired in the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Department. During this FY, the Child Health Program Manager undertook a comprehensive review and needs assessment of current programs and resources available in Maryland to address child abuse and neglect. This review included meetings with the Department of Human Services and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, site visits to eight CACs across the State, and discussions with CHAMP network providers. This review will inform the future plans of the CHAMP initiative.

Future Plans

To assist with further development of the CHAMP initiative, the Department developed a new MOU with the University of Maryland School of Medicine for FYs 2015 through 2017, laying out clear goals to better define and expand the CHAMP network. During the remainder of this MOU, the CHAMP initiative will focus on formalizing the training process for CHAMP providers and expanding the initiative statewide. The goal is to ensure that all children in Maryland who are victims of abuse or neglect and need thorough medical evaluation are seen by a qualified health care provider who has received training and designation by the CHAMP initiative.

In consultation with the Department, the University of Maryland School of Medicine will maintain a core faculty of recognized experts in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect for the CHAMP initiative. Currently there are six members of the CHAMP faculty. The faculty will continue to provide three annual half-day training sessions as well as consultation and peer review via TeleCAM.

Over the course of FY 2016, the CHAMP initiative will be training a new CHAMP provider in Southern Maryland. This physician will complete training modules developed by the CHAMP faculty and a preceptorship at Children's National Medical Center. Once training is completed, the physician will be working with the CAC in Charles County to evaluate and treat victims of child abuse.

In October 2015, four CHAMP faculty members will present at the Maryland Children's Alliance Conference in Cambridge, Maryland. This conference is targeted at child advocacy centers and draws representatives from MDTs from around the State. Presentation topics include: "Failure to Thrive as a Manifestation of Neglect," "Challenging Cases," "Skin Findings in Child Abuse," "Abusive Head Trauma," and "Sexual Abuse Outcomes and Adverse Childhood Experiences". These talks will be geared toward non-medical professionals who respond to allegations of child abuse. The CHAMP initiative has also been engaged to present three one-hour sessions on physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect to Family Medicine residents at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

With support from the Child Health Program Manager, the CHAMP initiative will continue its recruitment efforts in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. The CHAMP initiative will also continue to explore opportunities for child maltreatment prevention efforts.

Appendix A

Child Abuse and Neglect Expert Panel Members

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Appendix B

Child Abuse and Neglect by Jurisdiction

Maryland Child Welfare Services Data

June-15

Child Protective Services - New (total)

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	FY 15 Total	One Month Change	Twelve Month Average
Allegany	31	31	46	51	28	41	34	41	55	40	42	43	483	2%	40
Anne Arundel	150	141	187	216	164	137	147	175	223	205	201	179	2,125	-11%	177
Baltimore City*	488	461	582	644	500	531	502	515	587	549	664	605	6,628	-9%	552
Baltimore County	135	141	187	194	138	161	136	140	191	166	175	168	1,932	-4%	161
Calvert	14	19	32	29	15	21	23	21	24	30	26	21	275	-19%	23
Caroline	13	7	15	14	12	8	16	19	10	14	15	9	152	-40%	13
Carroll	33	37	46	55	52	54	49	59	64	46	56	48	599	-14%	50
Cecil	48	49	66	67	26	53	56	50	57	62	72	52	658	-28%	55
Charles	31	31	66	46	36	39	31	43	55	61	61	69	569	13%	47
Dorchester	24	24	21	36	22	22	29	21	27	24	27	27	304	0%	25
Frederick	63	51	88	104	82	90	72	62	92	86	84	80	954	-5%	80
Garrett	14	5	18	14	6	12	11	18	12	17	18	17	162	-6%	14
Harford	82	66	128	128	84	102	80	85	110	127	100	119	1,211	19%	101
Howard	23	23	50	51	40	44	42	44	53	60	42	44	516	5%	43
Kent	6	3	10	5	4	6	7	7	6	8	10	12	84	20%	7
Montgomery	160	141	236	264	217	207	163	220	217	187	213	164	2,389	-23%	199
Prince George's	131	123	187	213	156	167	155	167	224	164	171	211	2,069	23%	172
Queen Anne's	7	4	12	10	5	5	10	7	7	10	8	7	92	-13%	8
St. Mary's	20	20	20	41	20	29	37	26	37	32	34	24	340	-29%	28
Somerset	7	17	14	17	7	10	16	9	17	26	10	20	170	100%	14
Talbot	6	2	2	9	7	8	5	12	10	6	5	3	75	-40%	6
Washington	112	84	106	73	73	89	71	72	109	95	105	64	1,053	-39%	88
Wicomico	41	25	41	37	34	34	40	33	29	39	44	44	441	0%	37
Worcester	18	16	23	16	12	10	12	6	17	23	22	15	190	-32%	16
TOTAL	1657	1521	2183	2334	1740	1880	1744	1852	2233	2077	2205	2045	23,471	-7%	1956

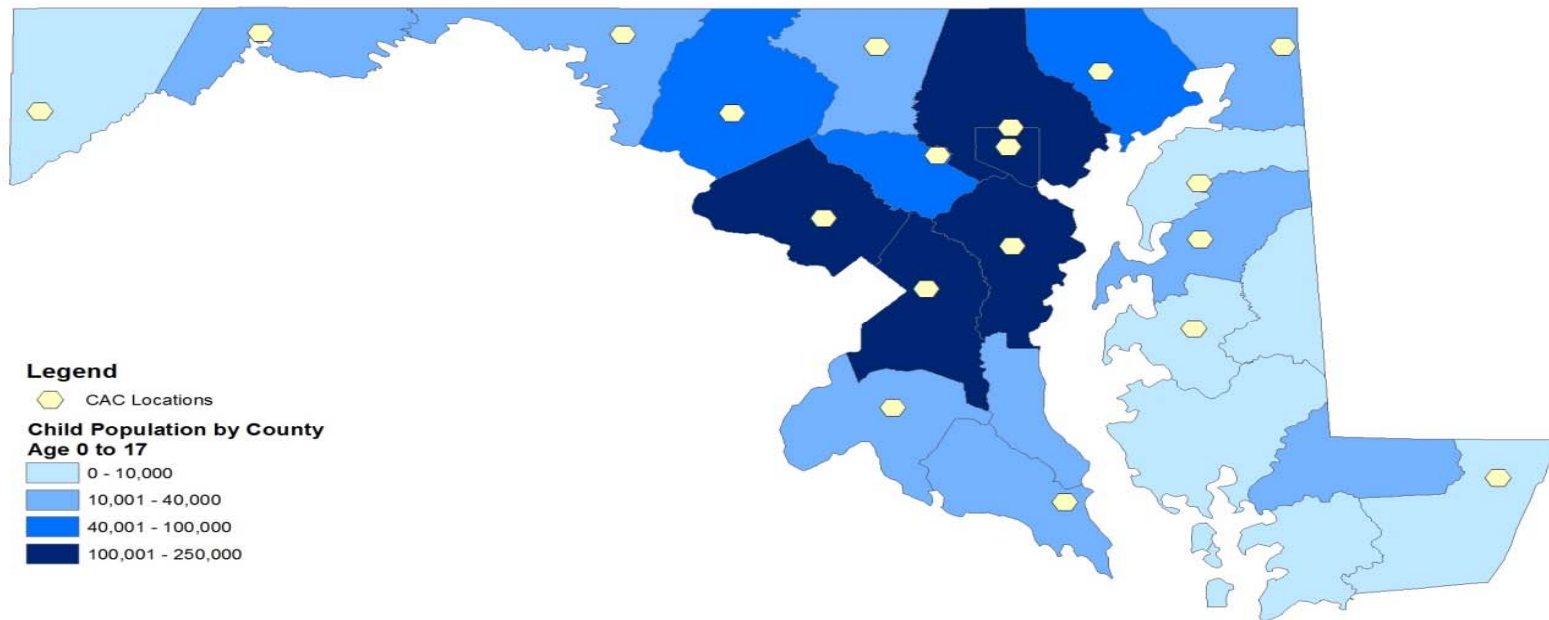
*NOTE: Baltimore City continues to report raw data in lieu of MD CHESSIE data

Source:

MD CHESSIE, through August 2013 = Business Objects RE861R; September 2013 and after = Business Objects RE862R

Appendix C

Map of Maryland Child Advocacy Centers



Appendix D

CHAMP Faculty and Network Provider Guidelines

CHAMP Faculty and Membership Requirements

CHAMP Faculty Credentials

CHAMP Faculty Pediatricians shall:

- Be licensed to practice medicine in Maryland
- Be board certified in child abuse pediatrics
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse evaluations
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

CHAMP Faculty Nurses shall:

- Be licensed as a registered nurse in Maryland
- Be certified as a nurse practitioner or RN-FNE-A/P in Maryland
- Have at least five years of experience conducting child abuse medical evaluations
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

Maintenance of CHAMP Faculty Designation

In order to maintain Faculty designation, CHAMP Faculty shall:

- Maintain required certification and licensure in Maryland
- Provide at least ten child abuse evaluations per year
- Attend at least fifty percent of all CHAMP faculty meetings each year
- Actively participate in a minimum of 4 CHAMP educational or training activities per year. Examples include: Providing a topic presentation, case review session, or TeleCAM instruction at a CHAMP training; providing an educational offering on a child abuse-related topic at other venues reaching Maryland providers, such as the Child Welfare Academy, the Maryland Children's Alliance annual conference, outreach to health care organizations and agencies (hospitals, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, MCOs, etc.); and developing an online CHAMP CME/CEU training module
- Review a minimum of 10 cases on TeleCAM per year
- Submit required case data and data on CHAMP educational and training activities quarterly

CHAMP Network Provider Requirements

CHAMP Network Provider Credentials

CHAMP Network Providers shall:

- Be physicians board certified in their respective field and licensed in the state of Maryland OR certified nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or RN-FNE-A/Ps licensed to practice in the state of Maryland
- Complete a core training curriculum developed by the CHAMP Faculty
 - Completion of the core curriculum will be waived for pediatricians board certified in child abuse pediatrics
 - Providers who have significant prior experience in providing child abuse medical evaluations will be considered by the faculty for exemption from completion of the core curriculum on a cases by case basis
- If new to the field, must agree to have all cases seen during the first two years of CHAMP membership reviewed by CHAMP faculty. Questions regarding what constitutes “new to the field” will be resolved together with faculty, and be approached on a case by case basis.
- Be currently active in child abuse medical evaluations in Maryland

Maintenance of CHAMP Network Provider Designation

In order to maintain Network Provider designation, CHAMP Providers shall:

- Maintain required certification and licensure in Maryland
- Evaluate at least 6 children under age 18 for maltreatment per year, three of which must be below age 13
- Submit all cases with questionable findings or findings indicative of abuse to TeleCAM
- Participate in eight hours of CME/CEU child maltreatment related training annually
- Submit required data quarterly

Appendix E

CHAMP Faculty and Network Providers

CHAMP Faculty	County Served
Leena Dev, MD, FAAP	Baltimore City
Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS	Anne Arundel County
Mitchell Goldstein, MD, MBA	*Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Pamela Holtzinger, RN, FNE-A/P	Frederick County
Scott Krugman, MD, MS	*Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center
Wendy Lane, MD, MPH	Howard County
Evelyn Shukat, MD	Montgomery County
Charles Shubin (Emeritus)	*Mercy Medical Center

CHAMP Network Providers	County Served
Richard Porter, DO	Garrett County
Debi Wolford, RN, FNE-A/P	Allegany County
Karla Paylor, MD	Frederick County
Paul Lomonico, MD	Harford County
Steven Breslow, MD	Cecil County
Fayette Engstrom, MD	Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's Counties
Jennifer Wehberg, MD	Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties
Michelle Chudow, MD	Baltimore County

Maryland Providers Not Currently Affiliated With CHAMP	County Served
Cynthia Roldan, MD	*Carroll Hospital Center
Ruth Dwyer, MD	Washington County

*Asterisk denotes providers who are affiliated with hospitals only, and do not provide services at a County CAC.

The CHAMP Faculty each have a minimum of five years of experience in providing child abuse medical evaluations. The faculty physicians are board certified in child abuse pediatrics, and the faculty nurses are certified as RN-FNE-Ps. All faculty are licensed to practice in Maryland and have agreed to provide ongoing training, peer review, continuing education opportunities, and outreach.

The current CHAMP Network Providers each have a minimum of four years of experience in providing child abuse medical evaluations, are either board certified in their medical specialty or certified as an RN-FNE-A/P, and are licensed to practice in Maryland. They have agreed to participate in ongoing education and peer review.