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I. Executive Summary

This report highlights the main activities and deliverables of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024. The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) was created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005 to expand access to health care for low-income Marylanders and underserved communities across the state and to bolster the capacity of the health care safety net infrastructure to deliver affordable, high-quality health services to those populations. Since its inception, the CHRC has expanded access to health services in Maryland's underserved communities by awarding 866 grants totaling \$291 million to support projects that have delivered essential health and social support services to more than 663,000 Marylanders, resulting in over 1.4 million service encounters at health centers, community-based clinics, and neighborhood organizations across the State's 24 jurisdictions. The initial funding provided by the CHRC has enabled its grantees to leverage \$44.7 million in additional federal and private/non-profit resources to provide even more necessary health care in vulnerable, underserved communities

The CHRC is an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health, and its 11 commission members are appointed by the Governor. Recent legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly has expanded the CHRC's statutory responsibilities to include the following:

1. Expand access to health care in underserved communities; support projects that serve low-income Marylanders, regardless of insurance status; and build capacity of safety-net providers.

The CHRC achieves these goals by issuing an Annual Request for Applications (RFA). Each RFA is tailored to the population health goals developed by the Maryland Department of Health. Applications are received by CHRC staff and reviewed by subject matter experts. Applications are also reviewed by a Review Committee composed of CHRC staff, Commissioners, and the subject matter experts. That Committee evaluates the applications based on selection criteria outlined in the RFA and issues recommendations on which applicants should be considered by the full Commission. Commissioners then receive presentations from the recommended applicants and vote to issue awards. Over the years, CHRC grants have served approximately 663,000 Marylanders with access to quality health care services.

2. Implement the Maryland Health Equity Resource Act.

The Maryland Health Equity Resource Act, approved during the 2021 legislative session, established the Pathways to Health Equity Program and Health Equity Resource Communities to target State resources to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, increase access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions in specific areas of Maryland. These programs served over 11,619 unduplicated individuals (included in the total above), reduced emergency department visits by 12% and generated over \$2.8 million dollars in hospital savings over the initial two-year period.

3. Implement the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future established the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to expand access to school behavioral health services and supports. The Consortium is responsible for developing a statewide framework to expand access to comprehensive behavioral health services for Maryland students from prekindergarten through high school through the development of Partnerships. In February 2024, the CHRC awarded grants totaling approximately \$111 million to community behavioral health providers. These 127 grants are currently under implementation and for the period March – December 2024 these grants have collectively served approximately 77,000 students (included in the total above). Additionally, 475 new behavioral health workforce members have been hired, 1,225 behavioral health providers trained in evidence-based practices to improve student outcomes, and 2,252 school staff have been trained in behavioral health best practices.

4. Staff the Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers.

The CHRC continues to provide staff support to the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers. The purpose of the Council is to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from a School-Based Health Center (SBHC).

II. Background and Mission

The Maryland General Assembly created the Community Health Resources Commission through the Community Health Care Access and Safety Net Act of 2005 to expand access to affordable, high-quality health care services in Maryland's underserved communities; support the adoption of health information technology in community health resources; increase access to specialty health care services for uninsured and low-income individuals; promote interconnected systems of care and partnerships among community health resources and hospitals; and help reduce preventable hospital emergency department visits and reduce hospital admissions and readmissions. The CHRC is an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health, and its 11 members are appointed by the Governor. A list of the CHRC commissioners can be found in Appendix A. The Commission is led by Chair Edward J. Kasemeyer.

Since its inception, the CHRC has expanded access to health services in Maryland's underserved communities by awarding 866 grants totaling \$291 million to support projects that have delivered essential health and social support services to more than 663,000 Marylanders, resulting in over 1.4 million service encounters at health centers, community-based clinics, and neighborhood organizations across the State's 24 jurisdictions. The initial funding provided by the CHRC has enabled its grantees to leverage \$44.7 million in additional federal and private/non-profit resources to provide even more necessary health care in vulnerable, underserved communities.

Increasing access to primary and preventative medical, behavioral, dental, and women’s health services using multi-sectoral approaches are the bedrock goals of the CHRC. CHRC grants have: (1) increased access to primary care services and supported new health care access points in underserved communities; (2) supported interventions that address childhood and adult obesity, food security, diabetes and other chronic diseases; (3) targeted “super-utilizers” of emergency care for ambulatory care sensitive conditions through hospital Emergency Department (ED) and emergency medical services (EMS) diversion and care coordination; (4) provided prenatal and perinatal services for women who would otherwise lack access; (5) expanded and created capacity for dental care to serve low-income, underinsured, and uninsured Maryland residents; (6) supported the integration of behavioral health and primary care services; and (7) expanded access to substance use treatment.

The CHRC programs have demonstrated measurable improvements in health outcomes and have led to significant cost savings by reducing avoidable hospitalizations, particularly in the non-acute management of ambulatory care-sensitive conditions. The CHRC seeks to support grant-funded programs that are innovative, sustainable, and replicable. Priority is given to projects that utilize evidence-based intervention strategies to address specific community needs and that provide measurable improvements in health outcomes.

Examples: Improving Health Outcomes

- **Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Health.** This grant supported implementation of the evidence-based CenteringPregnancy and CenteringParenting programs for expectant and new Latina mothers in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. These group care programs provide prenatal and pediatric services, help participants to increase their personal health care autonomy and build contacts and social bonds with other women. The program is replicable with the target populations in other areas of the state and offers the potential to help improve birth outcomes. The program served 3,000 women in Prince George’s County. Prenatal care in the first trimester increased from 64.6% to 74% and the percentage of low-birth weight babies (2,500 grams or less) was 5%.
- **Shepherd's Clinic.** This grant provided healthcare for uninsured and underinsured adults in Baltimore, including medical, behavioral health, and wellness services complemented by evidence-based interventions, healthy eating, increased movement, and SDOH resources for individuals who have prediabetes or diabetes. The program served 150 Baltimore residents. Data analysis showed a 99% reduction in ED visits for diabetes related issues; with 40% of clients over 65 achieving HbA1C levels 7-9%; and 47% of clients under 65 with a starting HbA1C >7.5% had a 1% reduction.
- **Health Care for the Homeless.** This grant delivered intensive care management to improve health and chronic disease management, reduce ED visits and prevent hospitalization for Medicare (and dually-eligible) clients experiencing homelessness in Baltimore. This project focused on “Addressing Chronic Disease Prevention and Disease Management” through the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) which coordinated care across the health system; supported the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the state with a focus on chronic

diseases management. Of the 405 clients served, 66% of hypertensive patients achieved control with similar improvements for HbA1C.

- **Chinese Culture and Community Services Center.** This grant supported the relocation and expansion of the grantee's clinic in Gaithersburg. The clinic provided primary care, case management, prescription assistance, lab testing, and free Hepatitis B screening and vaccinations for individuals facing complex health and social needs. At the end of the second year of the grant, 35% of participants diagnosed with diabetes reduced their HbA1C levels to below 7%, and 60% of participants diagnosed with hypertension had a reduction of their blood pressure to less than 140/90 mmHg.

The CHRC continues to prioritize funding for projects that offer innovative ways to address health disparities and promote health equity. In particular, the CHRC focuses on health disparities related to gaps in access to care, the limited availability of providers and services, and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), such as lack of transportation, that persist in underserved communities and contribute to poor health outcomes. These health disparities are found across rural, urban, and suburban communities. For example, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, homeless, immigrants, uninsured/underinsured, economically disadvantaged or those with behavioral health disorders are less likely to have a usual source of care or to have received essential health or dental care within the previous year. These groups also confront more barriers to care and are disproportionately impacted by SDOH, leading to poorer quality care than higher-income individuals.

Examples: Reducing Avoidable ED Utilization and Achieving Cost-Savings

- **Greater Baltimore Medical Center.** This grant addressed disparities in diabetes and hypertension among the African American population in Baltimore. The program served 2050 individuals, providing comprehensive primary and preventive care services including vaccinations and screenings, disease management and care coordination services, at-home care for elderly participants, and resources to address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) needs. After the initial two years, 98% of enrollees were connected with a PCP; 86% achieved BP control at or below 140/90, and an even higher rate of 87% among those screened. Notably, there was a 39% decrease in inpatient admissions at 6 months and a 23% decrease at 12 months. Cost reductions for diabetes-related care over twelve-month periods have decreased by 67%, including a 24% reduction in IP charges; 11% reduction in ED charges; and a 19% reduction in potentially avoidable charges. CRISP utilization data reflected a savings of \$10,498,960 in total cost of care.
- **Queen Anne's County MIH (EMS).** This grant supported efforts by the Mobile Integrated Community Health (MICH) team to increase community awareness of diabetes risk factors, provide education to prevent diabetes and address chronic disease management particularly for diabetes during home visits. Participants were screened for diabetes and those at risk received education on strategies for preventing diabetes, including nutrition education. Individuals with diabetes learned the importance of self-management with education to better control their diabetes and they had access to a Shore Regional Pharmacist for a medication

review and related education. The program achieved a 41% reduction in avoidable emergency room visits and in-patient admissions for diabetes related issues.

- **Moveable Feast.** The grant supported the expansion of a currently successful program that delivers free medically tailored meals to vulnerable homebound individuals who have prediabetes or diabetes and other chronic conditions, and experience food insecurity and malnutrition. Clients were offered medical nutrition therapy and benefited from increased social contacts with Mobile Feast staff and volunteers. The program provided 170 individuals with 36,746 medically tailored meals and nutrition counseling. Clients experienced reduced HbHbA1C levels (69%), and the program achieved over \$900,000 in reduced hospital costs.

Over the years, the CHRC has placed an emphasis on supporting programs that address unmet health needs in rural areas. Of the 866 grants awarded by the CHRC, over one-third have supported programs in rural areas. These grants, totaling approximately \$115 million, have provided 218,000 rural residents access to primary and behavioral health care, dental care, women’s health services, childhood obesity prevention programs, and SDOH resources across all 18 rural jurisdictions.

Examples: Addressing the Unique Needs in Rural Communities

- **Tidal Health REACH.** This grant addressed disparities in diabetes experienced by African American and Haitian population on the lower eastern shore. The REACH (Rural Equity and Access to Community Health) program interventions include expansion of Mobile Integrated Health, connections with primary care, expansion of culturally linguistic and evidence-based diabetes programming, and deployment of CHWs. Tidal exceeded the target goal, serving 3,363 residents. By program end, 65% of patients with diabetes who were engaged in ongoing care with a primary care provider achieved a HbA1C of <7% and 26% achieved a HbA1C of ≥7% to <9%. Additionally, 47% of patients with hypertension achieved a controlled blood pressure (140/90 or below) and the number of participants who demonstrated reduced BMI exceeded the goal at 257%.
- **Charles County Health Department.** This grant helped the Health Department’s “Mobile Integrated Health” (MIH) program serve vulnerable residents who call 911 frequently due to their complex health needs. The MIH team worked with clients to better manage chronic conditions and facilitate access to needed services and resources. The program has served more than 135 clients and achieved demonstrable reductions in avoidable hospital and EMS utilization. A three-month pre- versus post-intervention analysis demonstrated a 57% drop in EMS and ED utilization; a 67% reduction in hospitalizations; and a 90% drop in 30-day readmissions. A subset analysis of hospital and ED visit charges during a one-month pre-and post-intervention period showed a 78% reduction in cost from \$910,000 to \$198,000. Clients with hypertension saw a 68% improvement in their hypertension metrics while clients with diabetes saw a 38% improvement in their diabetes metrics.

- **Community Free Clinic (Washington County)** The program provided transportation access to improve health outcomes for medically uninsured, low-income residents of Washington County. The program, through its partnership with the Community Action Council, will provide consistent and reliable transportation to medical appointments, health services, and social service providers.

Delivery of health care services and adverse SDOH affect a disproportionate number of Maryland's vulnerable populations, therefore, it is more critical than ever that Maryland supports and protects the integrity of the state's safety net providers. These safety net providers have a history of serving low-income individuals and have a demonstrated track record of implementing programs that serve vulnerable populations by offering innovative approaches to tackling SDOH and reducing health disparities.

Examples: Social Determinants of Health Resources Support and Linkages

- **Baltimore City Health Department.** This grant supported the expansion of the existing "Baltimarket Healthy Stores" project funded through a previous CHRC grant. The program works with retail stores to expand access to affordable, healthy food options in areas that serve low-income children and families. The Health Department provided technical assistance to participating stores, focusing on the implementation of federal SNAP/food stamp changes, and employed young neighborhood residents as community health educators. Forty stores and 82 volunteers participated in the program, selling about \$3,200 in healthy foods to Baltimore City residents.
- **Healthcare Access Maryland (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County).** This program provided access to dental and primary care services for returning justice-involved citizens who plan to reside in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. The program engages individuals 180 days prior to scheduled release, creates a care plan and facilitates connections to insurance, primary care and dental services. The grant includes funding for transportation to dental and primary care appointments.
- **Washington County Health Department (Washington County).** This grant supported the use of a mobile farmers' market to increase access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in Hagerstown, where there is no supermarket. The project encouraged produce vendors to sell their produce at Title I schools, low-income housing sites, the local Commission on Aging, congregate meal sites, and the local senior center. The mobile farmer's market accepted food stamps, EBT, WIC vouchers, and cash. The project also provided nutritional education through Meritus Medical Center, the grantee, and a local dietician. The program saw a 50% increase in fresh produce purchasing and increased produce consumption during the market season.
- **Access Art (Baltimore City).** This project supported Access Arts' food distribution and comprehensive health events, which addressed multiple SDOH in the Morrell Park neighborhood of southwest Baltimore. Grant funding covered the salary of a full-time bilingual CHW who screened individuals and families attending the food distribution events for SDOH and helped families access health insurance benefits, behavioral health services, and family assistance projects. Grant funds were used to purchase household supplies and food which helped the program distribute 125,217 lbs. of food.

- **University of Maryland School of Nursing RICH.** This grant addressed disparities in hypertension, mental health, and social isolation in West Baltimore. The RICH (Reducing Isolation and Inequities in Cardiovascular Health) Collaborative met its target goal, serving 2,001 participants with interventions that included nurse-managed health centers, mobile health care, and care coordination to reduce hypertension. Critical program activities included, but were not limited to, distribution of 925 self-monitoring blood pressure cuffs, improved access to healthy foods, provision of clinical support, preliminary medication education or counseling, and navigation support to access and use these resources. There were substantial health-promoting behavior changes reported by the respondents, especially for use of the BP cuff at home (93%) and tracking of their readings (80%). Of the 2,001 enrolled participants, 28.5% were screened for social isolation. Of those screened, approximately 11.8% were referred to and attended support group events. Furthermore, 421 health prevention education events were conducted in collaboration with community-based organizations and faith-based groups, representing 73.9% of those screened for social isolation, and significantly surpassing the target of 96 events by 338.5%. Of note, connecting people with SDOH needs to services is a national challenge with many programs meeting the needs of < 20% of eligible participants. RICH was able to connect at least 50% of its participants to needed resources, largely due to the hard work and extensive efforts of CHWs.
- **Primary Care Coalition.** This grant supported the creation of the Nexus Connect Program (NCP) designed to build pathways for residents of the Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village community to connect with program partners to improve healthcare access, provide disease management and SDOH supports. Efforts yielded a 28.5% increase in preventive health services to children and adults, including referrals and in-community screenings and education. The program exceeded its goals in achieving the following: a 20% reduction in number of avoidable ED encounters for non-emergency use in the target census tracts; an 86.8% increase in the number of under/uninsured community members receiving health navigation, insurance enrollment, or insurance assistance services; a 14% increase in the utilization of financial assistance programs and development opportunities; and there was a 16.1% increase in the number of community members living at/or below 200% FPL who received financial assistance or counseling.

The CHRC implements a robust grant monitoring system designed to ensure that public resources are utilized efficiently and effectively, and that program objectives are measurable and achieved. The CHRC also provides its grantees with technical assistance to bolster their capacity, document program impact, support program evaluation, and promote program sustainability.

III. Annual Request for Applications

The CHRC accomplishes its key statutory mission by issuing an annual Request for Applications (RFA). During 2023 and 2024, the CHRC issued two RFAs to expand access to health care and advance health equity. Each RFA had two Strategic Priorities focusing on advancing health equity and promoting the efficient and strategic delivery of integrated health and social services through innovative, sustainable community partnerships that address the totality of medical and non-medical needs.

Applicants were encouraged to apply for grant funding in four Areas of Focus:

- Addressing chronic disease prevention and disease management, including diabetes and its comorbidities, hypertension, heart disease and others.
- Promoting family health, including maternal and child health and childhood asthma.
- Addressing behavioral health, including mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) and the ongoing impact of the opioid crisis.
- Providing dental care to support the launch of the new Maryland Medicaid Dental Benefit.

The CHRC received a total of 137 applications requesting \$93.9 million in funding across the two RFAs - FY23: 55 applications requesting \$34.8 million; FY24: 82 applications requesting \$59.1 - with a total of \$15.5 million in new grant funding available. The table below details the grant applications received by Area of Focus for both fiscal years:

Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Requests for Applications – 2023 & 2024				
Area of Focus	Number of Applications (FY23)	Total Amount Requested (FY23)	Number of Applications (FY24)	Total Amount Requested (FY24)
Chronic Disease Prevention	19	\$9,692,180	33	\$22,038,822
Behavioral Health / SUD	22	\$15,203,066	25	\$19,732,215
Dental Services	6	\$4,786,019	7	\$4,350,330
Maternal / Child Health	8	\$5,112,695	17	\$12,984,006
Totals	55	\$34,790,960	82	\$59,105,373

Grants issued through the CHRC’s Annual Request for Applications are awarded through a competitive process. Priority areas and review criteria are determined by CHRC Commissioners.

Grant applications are evaluated by independent subject matter experts on a range of criteria outlined in each RFA, including the ability of the grantee to achieve the stated program objectives and sustain its program after the initial grant funds are expended. Evaluation criteria utilized included the use of evidenced-based practices in the proposed program; the ability of the program to collect and report outcomes data; demonstration of a community need; program sustainability; and the likelihood of overall program success. Following this evaluation, a Review Committee composed of CHRC Commissioners, CHRC staff, and subject matter experts is convened and issues recommendations. Commissioners vote on whether to adopt the recommendations. CHRC staff then contact the recommended applicants to collect additional information. Finally, Commissioners receive presentations from the recommended applicants and vote on whether to issue awards.

Over the report period, the CHRC voted to approve 41 grants totaling \$15.5 million to support innovative, replicable, and sustainable projects that serve vulnerable populations and promote health equity. The grantees include public health agencies, safety net healthcare providers, and community-based organizations who play a vital role in promoting equitable access to health care and social support services. A list and summary of the programs awarded in State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 may be found in Appendix E.

Through these awards, the CHRC continues to emphasize programs that address health disparities and promote the delivery of integrated health services in underserved communities.

IV. Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

The Maryland Health Equity Resource Act (hereafter, the “Act”), approved during the 2021 legislative session, established the Pathways to Health Equity (Pathways) and Health Equity Resource Community (HERC) programs to invest State resources in specific areas of Maryland to achieve five strategic goals: 1) reduce health disparities; 2) improve health outcomes; 3) increase access to primary care; 4) promote primary and secondary prevention services; and 5) reduce health costs and hospital admissions and readmissions. The bill also created a Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee to support the design and administration of this program.

In February 2022, the CHRC awarded nine, two-year pilot grants, “Pathways to Health Equity,” totaling \$13.5 million, supporting three programs in Prince George’s County, three in Baltimore City, and three in rural areas. These two-year pilot programs focused on the following health disparities and clinical outcomes:

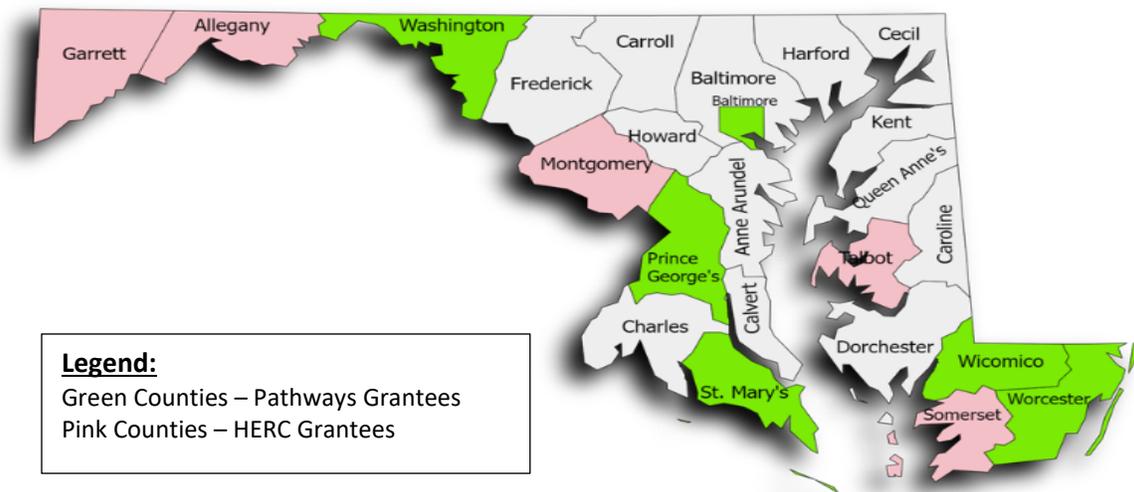
Health Disparities	Clinical Outcome
Diabetes	HbA1C
Heart Disease and Hypertension	Blood Pressure
Mental Health	Depression Screening
Substance Use Disorder	Reduction in Low-Birth-Weight Babies
Maternal and Child Health	Reduction in Low-Birth-Weight Babies
Sickle Cell Disease	Patients Treated in Infusion Clinics

The nine pilot programs ended in June 2024. These programs served over 11,000 unduplicated individuals, reduced emergency department visits by 12% and generated over \$2.8 million dollars in hospital savings over the two-year period.

The CHRC issued the Health Equity Resource Community (HERC) Request for Applications in October 2023 and made available approximately \$42 million in new grant funding. Following the issuance of the HERC RFA, the CHRC and HERC Advisory Committee held a series of in-person and virtual outreach events across the State in order to engage stakeholders and offer community members an opportunity to cement partnerships and make inquires to CHRC staff regarding the application process.

Applications to the CHRC were due to the CHRC on December 14, 2023, and a total of 59 applications were submitted requesting \$291.2 million in funding. Following a similar review

process as noted on page 7, CHRC Commissioners voted to award 12 organizations a HERC Designation in May 2024. Five of the nine Pathways programs received HERC designations, and seven new programs began implementation on July 1, 2024. Nearly half of Maryland’s 24 counties are now served by these HERC programs. (see graphic below).



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These programs continue the work of the Pathways programs focusing on the clinical outcomes noted in the table on page 11. Additional health disparities addressed include childhood vaccinations and obesity. HERC programs also focus on non-medical SDOH including, but not limited to transportation, food insecurity, housing, health literacy, employment assistance, workforce development, medical language interpretation, safety and violence intervention and legal assistance. A summary of these programs may be found in Appendix F on page 32 of this report.

V. Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

The Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports is responsible for developing a statewide framework to expand access to comprehensive behavioral health and wraparound services for Maryland students. The CHRC serves as the Consortium’s fiscal agent and is responsible for providing staff support for the Consortium.

The Consortium has 25 members and includes representatives from State and Local Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and Juvenile Services; members of the legislature; and other individuals representing education and behavioral health. The National Center for School Mental Health provides training and technical assistance.

On August 18, 2023, the CHRC released the first Consortium RFA. Funds were drawn from both FY 2023 and FY 2024 revenues. Applicants were required to provide a letter of support from their local Superintendent or the Superintendents' designee which affirmed local support for the proposal and attested that Consortium funds would supplement and not supplant existing school behavioral health funding.

Applications were due to the CHRC on October 16, 2023. The CHRC received a total of 258 applications requesting \$381 million from applicants in all 24 jurisdictions. Following a thorough review process, the Consortium and the CHRC made awards to 129 service providers totaling \$111 million in funding.

On October 24, 2023, the CHRC released a second Consortium Request for Applications, making available funding to build future Community Supports Partnerships through grants to up to ten Pilot Partnership Hubs. This pilot approach permits the model to be tested before it is implemented statewide. Applicants for the Hub pilot were limited to Local Behavioral Health Authorities and Local Management Boards.

The Consortium works closely with the Local Education Agencies (LEA) to ensure supports are coordinated. Consortium staff have collaborated with the Public Schools Superintendents' Association of Maryland to meet with local Superintendents, and with MSDE to meet with the local Directors of Student Services and Behavioral Health Coordinators for all the LEAs. Consortium staff also maintain regular contact with key LEA staff on an ongoing, one-on-one basis.

As part of any Consortium grant application, all applicants are required to describe collaboration with the LEA in developing and implementing their applications.

In February 2024, the CHRC awarded 129 grants totaling approximately \$111 million to community behavioral health providers. Collectively, these grants are projected to serve over 100,000 students statewide. Programs address a range of behavioral health challenges through prevention, behavioral health screenings, counseling, addiction treatment, family support, crisis planning and services, telehealth services, support groups, wraparound services, and more. Prior to initiating services, each grantee is required to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their LEA. Grantees are required to follow all standard LEA onboarding requirements such as fingerprinting, background checks, etc. Grantee reports are shared with LEAs.

Grantees regularly report on key performance measures including behavioral health outcomes. The grant period is March 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, after which grants may be renewed. A list of the grant awards and the jurisdictions where services are being provided may be found in Appendix G. In December 2024, the CHRC released a third RFA to continue funding for these

services during the period July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

Additional information on these awards are posted on the CHRC website here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/Description-of-grantees-by-year.aspx>

VI. Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers

The Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers (the Council) was established through legislation approved by the Maryland General Assembly in 2015. The primary purpose of the Council is to enhance the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services through school-based health centers (SBHCs). The Council is tasked with advancing the integration of SBHCs into both the healthcare system and the educational system at the state and local levels. In fulfilling this mission, the Council develops and advocates for policy recommendations aimed at improving the overall well-being and academic success of students utilizing SBHC services. A complete list of Council members can be found in Appendix D.

In 2017, the Maryland General Assembly approved legislation that transferred the Council from the Maryland State Department of Education to the Department of Health. Under the legislation, the CHRC provides staffing support for the Council and is permitted to seek the assistance of organizations with expertise in school-based health care to support the Council's work.

As of December 2024, there were currently 89 SBHCs across 16 jurisdictions in Maryland. During Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, all SBHCs in Maryland received grant funding totaling over \$14 million from the MDH Bureau of Maternal and Child Health ("the Bureau").

A copy of the Executive Summary of the Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers CY 2023 and CY 2024 may be found in Appendix H of this report.

APPENDIX A

CHRC Commissioner Listing, December 31, 2024

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair	Former Chair, Maryland Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Scott T. Gibson	Chief Strategy Officer, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.
Flor de Maria Giusti, LCSW-C	Johns Hopkins, Bayview
Dr. Maria J. Hankerson	President, Visions & Outcomes, Unlimited
David Lehr	Chief Strategy Officer, Meritus Health
Roberta "Robbie" Loker	
Dr. Terris King	CEO and Founder, King Enterprise Group
Sadiya Muqueeth, Dr.PH	Director of Community Health, National Programs, Trust for Public Lands
Destiny-Simone Ramjohn, PhD	Vice President, Community Health & Social Impact, CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield
TraShawn Thornton-Davis, MD	Assistant Service Chief, OB/GYN, DCSM, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group
Jonisha Toomer, LCPC	Executive Director, Right Step, LLC

APPENDIX B

Health Equity Resource Communities Advisory Committee, December 31, 2024

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair	CHRC Chair, Former Chair, Maryland Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Camille Blake-Fall	Director, Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities
Rebecca Altman	Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, University of Maryland Midtown Medical Center
Alyssa L. Brown	Director, Innovation, Research, and Development, Office of Health Care Financing, Maryland Department of Health
Elizabeth Chung	Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick
Jonathan Dayton	Executive Director, Maryland Rural Health Association
Maura Dwyer	Former Health Enterprise Zone Program Manager
Michelle Spencer	Associate Chair, Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism, and Equity, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Mikalya A. Walker	Management Consultant with ReefPoint Group

The HERC Advisory Committee has two (2) vacancies.

APPENDIX C

Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports – Roster, December 31, 2024

David D. Rudolph, Chair, Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
Gloria Brown Burnett, Deputy Secretary for Operations, Maryland Department of Human Services
Erin McMullen, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary, Maryland Department of Health
Mary Gable, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, & Educational Policy, Maryland State Department of Education
Edward Kasemeyer, Chair, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
Derek Anderson, Director of Community Schools, Maryland State Department of Education
The Honorable Katie Fry Hester, Senator, Maryland State Senate
The Honorable Eric Ebersole, Delegate, Maryland House of Delegates
Christina Bartz, Director of Community Based Programs, Choptank Community Health Systems
Dr. Derek Simmons, Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools
Dr. Donna Christy, Maryland State Education Association
Gail Martin, former Baltimore County Public Schools Team Leader, School Social Work
Dr. John Campo, MD, Director of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center, Johns Hopkins University Hospital
Sadiya Muqueeth, DrPH, Baltimore City Health Department and Vice Chair, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
Ryan Moran, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director, Maryland Department of Health
Dr. Maureen Ponce, President, MD School Counselors Association
Larry Epp, Ed.D., Director of Outcomes and Innovation, Families and Communities Service Line, Sheppard Pratt Health System
Stephen Liggett-Creel, Director, Prince George's County Department of Social Services
Michael A. Trader, II, Assistant Director of Behavioral Health, Worcester County Health Department

The Consortium currently has six vacancies.

APPENDIX D

Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers - Membership
Appointed by the Governor

<p>Dr. Katherine Connor, Chair Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (The Johns Hopkins Rales Health Center, KIPP Baltimore)</p>	<p>Dr. Patryce Toye, Vice Chair Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (retired, MedStar Health Plans)</p>
<p>vacant Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care</p>	<p>Jean-Marie Kelly Maryland Hospital Association (Cecil County Health Department)</p>
<p>Joan Glick Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (retired, Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services)</p>	<p>Dr. Arethusa Kirk Managed Care Organization (UnitedHealthcare)</p>
<p>Cathy Allen Maryland Association of Boards of Education (St. Mary's County Board of Education)</p>	<p>vacant Secondary School Principal of a School with an SBHC</p>
<p>vacant Public Schools Superintendents Assn. of Md.</p>	<p>vacant Elementary School Principal of a School with an SBHC</p>
<p>Gabriella Gold Commercial Health Insurance Carrier (CareFirst)</p>	<p>vacant Md. Association of County Health Officers</p>
<p>Dr. Diana Fertsch Md. Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (Dundalk Pediatric Associates)</p>	<p>Christina Bartz Federally Qualified Health Center (Choptank Community Health Systems)</p>
<p align="center">vacant Parent/guardian of a student who receives services from SBHC</p>	

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<p>Senator Clarence Lam Maryland State Senate</p>	<p>Delegate Bonnie Cullison Maryland House of Delegates</p>
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APPENDIX E



STATE OF MARYLAND

Community Health Resources Commission

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FY 2023 Grantee Program Summaries

March 21, 2023

Chronic Disease

MedStar Franklin Square Hospital (Baltimore County; total award \$290,000): The program seeks to address disparities in chronic disease and food access, as well as other disparities faced by African American residents in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. MedStar Franklin Square Hospital will provide healthy food for patients to prepare nutritious meals for their families, connect patients to a dietician and Community Health Advocate, and provide 20 hours of health education. Through the Primary Care Center and Family Health Center, patients will have access to primary care, specialty care, prevention services, and behavioral health assistance.

Maryland Living Well Center – Agency on Aging (Eastern Shore; total award \$300,000): The program will improve diabetes management and expand access to care for low-income, elderly, and racial and ethnic minority individuals living on the Eastern Shore. Maryland Living Well Center will provide Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) screenings, identify social service needs, and enroll older adults with or at high risk for diabetes and other chronic conditions into evidence-based disease management programs.

Food & Friends* (Washington County; total award \$150,000): The program will address health disparities related to diabetes among the African American population in Washington County. Food & Friends will deliver Medically Tailored Meals and Medical Nutrition Therapy to homes of individuals who are too ill to shop or cook for themselves and have diabetes with HBA1C>8%.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health (Harford County; total award \$340,000): The program will address higher rates of uncontrolled diabetes and avoidable emergency department (ED) utilization and hospitalizations for African American residents of Harford County by : (1) providing case management and linkages to community supports to individuals who visit the hospital emergency department for avoidable diabetes related complications as well as to other individuals referred by their PCPs; (2) offering culturally competent diabetes self-management education and diabetes prevention education; and (3) increasing peer support for individuals with diabetes and their families including through a virtual diabetes support group and a Spanish language support group.

Asian American Health Center* (Multiple Counties; total award \$160,000): The program will address disparities in cardiovascular disease among low income and/or vulnerable Asian American residents in

Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Howard County. Asian American Health Center will provide one-stop comprehensive screenings (including EKG, HbA1C, cholesterol panel, lung disease screens) and a physician consultation to review test results, diagnoses, and medications, and offer referrals to primary/specialty care. In addition, care coordination services related to medication management and referrals for wraparound social/community services will be offered, as well as culturally and linguistically appropriate health education and health coaching.

Shepherd's Clinic (Baltimore City; total award \$280,000): The TRIUMPH program will address racial disparities related to diabetes facing uninsured and underinsured adults in Baltimore City. Through the TRIUMPH program, Shepherd's Clinic will provide: (1) education on healthy eating and nutrition counseling by a licensed dietician; (2) expanded access to movement classes; (3) remote patient monitoring for weight, physical activity, and blood glucose; and 4) navigation to services that address other patient needs.

Associated Catholic Charities -Esperanza Center (Baltimore City; total award \$115,900): The program will expand access to effective screening and diagnostic testing for diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol for the uninsured Latino immigrant population in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The Esperanza Center will provide clients point of care phlebotomy and screening services, focusing on screening and management of chronic diseases.

Healthcare for the Homeless (Baltimore City; total award \$390,000): The program will expand access to care for unhoused and housing insecure individuals, primarily racial and ethnic minorities, living in Baltimore City and impacted disproportionately by diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and comorbidities such as obesity. The program will provide comprehensive care management to engage participants, implement interventions to control high blood pressure and diabetes, routinely measure BMI for management, and complete follow up planning after emergency department admissions and acute hospitalization.

Dental Services

Garrett County Health Department (Garrett County; total award \$330,000): The program will expand access to dental care services for adult Medicaid beneficiaries in Garrett County, a dental health professional shortage area where some residents may need to drive more than 100 miles (round trip) for dental care. Grant funding will allow the Garrett County Health Department to increase access to dental care, recruit private dentists to serve Medicaid enrollees, and provide dentures to low-income individuals in the County.

Community Clinic, Inc (Suburban MD; total award \$155,000): The program will expand access to dental services for CCI's patient base, which is low-income and ethnically diverse. Grant funding will increase CCI's capacity to provide access to comprehensive dental services, including screenings, education, preventative, and restorative care at its existing site in Greenbelt (Prince George's County).

Baltimore Medical System (Baltimore City; total award: \$745,000): The program will expand access to dental services for low-income residents in a medical, mental health, and dental underserved area.

Grant funding will allow Baltimore Medical System to launch a dental program at their Yard 56 FQHC site, and create one integrated center for medical, behavioral health, and dental services.

Behavioral Health

Frederick Health Hospital (Frederick County; total award: \$600,000): The program will close gaps and reduce disparities in behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment, including during transitions in care such as hospital discharge, as well as through referrals from schools, focusing on low-income and minority populations. Grant funding will allow Frederick Health Hospital to expand care, reduce fatal overdoses, increase clinician use of evidence based behavioral health treatment modalities including services to address adverse childhood experiences and substance use disorder, improve timely follow-up after discharge, reduce avoidable emergency room visits and hospitalizations, and decrease the total cost of care for the population served.

Choptank Community Health (Kent County; total award \$215,000): The program will increase access to substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health treatment in Kent County by using the existing mobile integrated behavioral health program, ensuring access to care for individuals with transportation barriers.

LifeStyles Foundation of Maryland (Southern, MD; total award \$275,000): The program will improve access to mental health and SUD services for homeless and low-income populations in Southern Maryland. LifeStyles will offer healthcare services through a partner and will provide harm reduction information (i.e., Narcan) to its clients.

Lighthouse, Inc. (Multiple Counties; total award \$155,000): The program will expand counseling and other services for families in Central Maryland affected by a loved one's substance use. The program seeks to help Lighthouse clients improve their mental health and increase their life satisfaction; strengthen family bonds; increase knowledge about addiction; improve coping strategies and stress management skills within families, schools, workplaces, and the community; decrease substance use by children served by the project; and increase awareness of and treatment options for families affected by opioid use.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center (Multiple Counties; total award \$500,000): The program will add 24-hour behavioral health urgent care services to Grassroots' existing SUD crisis stabilization services in Central Maryland, focusing on individuals who are low-income, African American, and/or women. Grant funding will allow Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center to reduce barriers to accessing affordable, quality urgent behavioral health care; decrease the acuity of behavioral health symptoms; and decrease hospital emergency department visits for behavioral health patients.

Pride Center of Maryland (Multiple Counties; total award \$875,000): The program will increase access to behavioral health care and somatic health care, improve mental health, decrease substance use, increase employment, increase housing stability, and decrease rates of overdose morbidity and mortality. Pride Center's client population is diverse sexual and gender minority (SGM) individuals affected by

adverse Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), with emphasis on African American SGM who face high rates of health disparities as well as adverse and disproportionate impacts from COVID-19.

Maternal & Child Health

TidalHealth* (Wicomico County; total award \$700,000): The program will address cultural and linguistic barriers for the Haitian community of Wicomico County to access maternal health care. TidalHealth will provide education and support before and during pregnancy, and after childbirth. Additionally, TidalHealth will establish collaborative partnerships among Haitian-Creole health care providers, community health workers, and health educators, and will create a new "workforce pipeline" for certified medical interpreters.

Charles County Health Department* (Charles County; total award \$650,000): The program will allow the Charles County Health Department to open a school-based health center at the Indian Head Elementary School to serve students from Indian Head and nearby schools, and receive referrals from other sources in Charles County. Grant funding will allow the Charles County Health Department to address the chronic health needs of students.

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care (Montgomery County; total award \$775,000): The program will address disparities in maternal mortality, child welfare, and school readiness by expanding Mary's Center Healthy Families America home-visiting program into Montgomery County.

Baltimore City Health Department* (Baltimore City, total award \$500,000): The program will expand the capacity of the Baltimore City Health Department's existing centralized intake system for pregnant women with a "no wrong door" marketing approach. Grant funding will allow the Baltimore City Health Department to improve access and provider referrals, and will support a new pilot for expanded care coordination that equips the Healthcare Access Maryland Community Health Advocate to follow up with clients and ensure that referred care/services are received.



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Chronic Disease

City of Frederick Department of Housing and Human Services (Frederick County; total award \$200,000): The program will address the disproportionate impact of chronic diseases including diabetes and high blood pressure on low-income Hispanic residents in Frederick County. The program provides medical supplies (glucose meters and BP cuffs), education, and case management services. The social determinants of health are addressed by deploying bilingual outreach workers and a mobile health unit to targeted communities.

Community Free Clinic, Inc. (Washington County; \$220,500): The program will provide transportation access to improve health outcomes for medically uninsured, low-income residents of Washington County. The program through its partnership with the Community Action Council will provide consistent and reliable transportation to medical appointments, health services, and social service providers.

Elaine Ellis Center of Health, Inc. (Prince George's County; \$335,000): The project will provide chronic disease management services to families and caregivers of children in partnering schools. This initiative leverages existing partnerships with (14) Prince George's County community schools and plans to expand to 7-10 more, offering chronic disease assessment, care coordination, health education, intensive chronic disease management, and referrals to address social determinants of health including housing, food, transportation and domestic violence.

Harbor Hospital, Inc. DBA MedStar Harbor Hospital, (Baltimore City, Baltimore County; \$250,000): The program will reduce health disparities through the operation of two Mobile Health Centers in south Baltimore City and the Franklin Square community of Baltimore County. Mobile health services will address primary care, cancer screenings, women's services and crisis intervention. A community health advocate will connect patients to supplemental support services to address housing, behavioral health, food access, job assistance and substance use treatment.

La Clinica del Pueblo, Inc. (Prince George's County, Montgomery County; \$500,000): The program will address disparities in chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity among low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Latinx communities in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The program will expand capacity to serve an additional 1,500 patients at the La Clinica del Pueblo Hyattsville location.

Pride Center of Maryland (Baltimore City; \$480,000): The program will address chronic disease prevention and disease management among sexual and gender minorities in the Baltimore City Black/African American and Latinx communities. The program will target diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease education and management through on-site and community health screening, navigation to primary care services, and

health education in partnership with community partners Total Health Care (THC), Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, and Black Men's Xchange (BMX).

Dental Services

Choptank Community Health System (Eastern Shore; \$732,000): This program will expand oral surgery services for uninsured and underinsured eastern shore residents through the hiring of an in-house Oral Maxillo-Facial surgeon and surgical assistants. The program will provide services at Choptank Community Health System and Chesapeake Health.

Healthcare Access Maryland (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel Counties; \$400,000): This program will provide access to dental and primary care services for returning justice-involved citizens who plan to reside in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. The program engages individuals 180 days prior to scheduled release and creates a care plan and connections to insurance, primary care and dental services.

Help and Outreach Point of Entry (H.O.P.E. Inc.) (Lower Eastern Shore; \$300,000): The program will address disparities in access to dental care for patients in the Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset Counties who are at or below 100% of poverty and to assist those under 200% of poverty. The program will provide financial assistance to cover the cost of prosthetics and other services not covered under the Medicaid Dental Benefit. The program will also educate clients on insurance coverage and the importance of maintaining oral health.

Behavioral Health

Associated Catholic Charities Inc. (Baltimore County; \$365,000): The program will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate therapy services, through group and behavioral health therapy, community resource navigation services, and case management to support underserved communities, particularly those undocumented immigrant populations in the Dundalk area of Baltimore City.

Black Girl Health Foundation, Inc. (Prince George's Counties; \$250,000): The program will address disparities in access to mental health care for stress, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depressive disorders among Black and African American women in Prince George's County. The program will provide outpatient mental health services, person-centered and trauma-informed behavioral health interventions, medication management, and a psychiatric rehabilitation program to address self-care, personal hygiene, nutrition planning, cooking skills. The program also provides transportation services.

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc. (Montgomery County; \$500,000): The program will address disparities in mental health services, awareness and stigma among the Asian-American community in the Capital Region. The program will expand staff to provide individual and group counseling. The program will also provide education activities and awareness campaigns to enhance awareness and change the perception of mental health in the Asian-American community.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. (Central Maryland; \$430,000): The program will expand the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic behavioral health and substance use disorder services to serve clients in

Howard County and surrounding counties. The program serves residents who have low or no income, those who are experiencing homelessness, and those who are uninsured and lack access to therapy and medication. The program provides open access to services.

Helping Up Mission, Inc. (Baltimore City; \$400,000): The program will expand services to Hispanic men, pregnant and post-partum mothers, and accompanying children in Baltimore City through the delivery integrated health and social services. The program addresses mental health and substance abuse counseling, insurance access, primary and specialty health care, oral health, vital documents access, public benefit connections, and transportation.

Hope Rising Resource Center (Carroll County; \$130,000): The program will address disparities in mental health services for low-income, uninsured/underinsured, and LGBTQIA+ residents in southern Carroll County, a mental health provider shortage area, through the expansion of provider and billing services. The program will provide low/no-cost mental health counseling, mental health education/experiential workshops and events, recovery support, individual health progress tracking, and coordination with community partners to provide solutions to other social determinant of health needs.

Lighthouse, Inc. (Baltimore County; \$270,000): The program will expand services for neurodivergent clients, LGBTQIA+ clients, and first-generation American clients living in southwestern Baltimore County and surrounding areas; the majority of whom have low or very low incomes. The program will provide individual and family counseling and will also refer clients to emergency services for food, utilities, housing assistance and other essential services provided through community partners.

PIVOT (Baltimore City; \$413,000): The program will improve mental health and the social determinants of health for extremely low-income women upon release from incarceration and living in Baltimore City. The nine-week program will provide case management, and access to on-site specialized mental health services, referral and transportation to psychiatry, addiction maintenance medication, family support and women's health services, and linkages to health insurance. The program also provides employment readiness/placement, financial literacy, housing stability, transportation, food assistance, childcare and parenting support, and access to other basic needs.

Maternal & Child Health

Baltimore Medical System, Inc. (Baltimore City; \$205,000): The program will expand the CenteringPregnancy program at the BMS Yard 56 clinic in southeast Baltimore for women who live in this low-income area with high levels of social determinant of health needs. The program will provide care in 90-minute cohort appointments and address nutrition, stress, labor, and educate on the controlling factors that increase the risk for hypertension, diabetes and pre-eclampsia.

Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc. (Prince George's County; 310,000): The program expands access to the "Family Connects Prince George's" program that provides 1-3 home visits within one month of discharge. These visits provide wellness checks for caregivers and babies and connect families to primary care, provides post-partum health access and education, and refers families to Healthy Families America ongoing home visiting program, if appropriate. The program also addresses systemic barriers related to cycles of poverty, chronic health conditions, mental health issues, language barriers and limited education.

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (BWMC) (Anne Arundel County; \$310,000):

The program will improve birth outcomes by reducing racial disparities for non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic obstetrics UM BWMC patients in northern Anne Arundel County and southern Baltimore City. The program will reduce the likelihood of gestational diabetes (GDM), improve health literacy related to nutrition and physical activity, and address social determinants of health for women of reproductive age. The program connects at-risk women to a registered dietitian for nutrition counseling and launch a pilot to use the RXFood app and provide a CHW to address food insecurity through Moveable Feast.

APPENDIX F



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May 8, 2024

Summary of the Health Equity Resource Communities (HERC) Grants

University of Maryland School of Nursing (Baltimore City; total award \$5,000,000)

The project will address cardiovascular and mental health and SDOH disparities for adults in the West Baltimore and North Avenue corridors of Baltimore city (21201, 21217, 21223, 21229 21202, 21216, 21215). The program extends the work of the Pathways RICH collaborative that provides multi-sector collaboration across community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, academia, hospital systems and federal qualified health centers. Interventions include nurse managed health centers, mobile health program in community and senior facilities, community health outreach and education events, remote patient monitoring, providing coordination and a hub and spoke model to address social determinants of health. This grant expands the footprint of the program, the organizations involved, and the interventions to meet the needs of patients.

Greater Baltimore Medical Center (Baltimore City; total award \$3,500,000)

The project will address diabetes, hypertension, weight disorders and elder in-home health care for low-income residents and frail, elderly residents in Baltimore City (21202, 21218, 21201, 21205, 21206, 21210, 21211, 21212, 21213, 21214, 21217, 21230, 21231, 21239, and 21251). The program expands the Pathways pilot program. Interventions include the extending PCMH hours at Jonestown practice and prioritization of patients in this service area, expanding staffing of the Gilchrist Elder Medical Care program, providing in-home care, coordination, and medical management to homebound adults. The program will also host health fairs and screening events for diabetes and hypertension at community centers, places of worship, senior residences, barbershops, and beauty salons as well as provide linkages for SDOH support.

Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine (Prince George's County; total award \$3,500,000)

This project will address sickle cell disease treatment needs of Prince George's County residents (20774, 20706, 20743). This program is an extension of the Pathways program that established infusion center services at University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center. The program provides transition services to children 16+ with Sickle Cell Disease (to ensure care continuity as aging out of younger programs). Johns Hopkins provides virtual guidance and treatment management to support expanded services at the new UMCR infusion center and the program addresses integrated and SDOH needs of patients including counseling, food and transportation.

St. Mary's County Health Department (St. Mary's; total award \$5,000,000)

The project addresses chronic disease, comorbidities, and counseling for individuals living below the poverty level with high unemployment rates in St. Mary's County in Southern Maryland (20643, 20634, 20670). This Pathways pilot program's expansion will provide on-site primary care for chronic disease management. Interventions include walk-in behavioral health crisis services, direct quality care, and prevention services. SDOH support resources and linkages include Choosing Healthy Options for Wellness (CHOW) engagement with community, medical language interpretation, appointment transportation, financial education, job placement, home ownership workshops, youth development programs and mediation services.

TidalHealth (Wicomico; total award \$4,800,000)

The project will address chronic health conditions and social support needs of African American and Haitian community residents in Wicomico County on the Lower Eastern Shore (21851, 21863, 21822, 21826, 21801, 21804, 21811). The project is an extension of the Pathways pilot REACH program, addressing food access, health literacy and access to care. Interventions include bilingual CHW staff, expanded health and SDOH screenings, telehealth and integrated care teams, farmer participation program, healthy lifestyle training, interpretation services, and health literacy tools for patients. REACH coalition partners will employ community-based health education; provide ongoing diabetes prevention and chronic disease self-management; expand mobile health screenings; and offer in-home visits to patients at risk for readmission.

Health Care for the Homeless (Baltimore City; total award \$1,750,000)

The project will address low birth weights and infant and maternal mortality by improving early access of prenatal care for Black/African American and Latina/Latinx women experiencing homelessness in Baltimore City (21207, 21215, 21222, 21217,21233, 21227,21230, 21225, 21217, 21218, 21212, 21239, 21234, 21206, 21213, 21202, 21231, 21205, 21224). The program provides early prenatal care to expecting mothers; enrolls patients in mandated Medicaid coverage; and enlists WIC services. Interventions include direct primary care, management of chronic diseases, vaccinations, cancer screening, and other primary care that affect health and birth outcomes. The program also provides translation services, diapers, and clothing where needed.

Medstar Harbor Hospital (Baltimore City; total award \$3,500,000)

The project will address maternal and infant health disparities for residents in South Baltimore (21225). The program provides a collective impact approach to improve the health of mothers and babies. Interventions include the establishment of a new B'more for Healthy Babies community hub site that coordinates with hospital departments such as OB/GYN, Labor and Delivery, the Fetal Assessment Center, the MedStar Mobile Health Center, and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Prevention Program. Interventions include links to pre- and post-natal care, mobile health care, breast and cervical cancer screening, in-home teen pregnancy support, and workforce development. Project partners will provide a spectrum of services addressing social determinants of health, including transportation, food security, and workforce development.

Interfaith Works (Montgomery; total award \$4,800,000)

The project will address mental health and substance use disorders for people experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County (20783, 20903, 20855, 20910, 20852, 20850, 20886, 20851, 20852). The program's strong coalition of partners will assess the needs of clients during shelter intake; provide them with direct primary care and clinical case management; and refer for Medicaid enrollment. Interventions include links to mental and behavioral health services, substance use programs, housing assistance, vocational services, food, and clothing distribution.

Somerset County Health Department (Somerset; total award \$1,700,000)

The project will address diabetes and hypertension for at-risk residents and patients with chronic disease in Somerset County on the Lower Eastern Shore (21824, 21817, 21838, 21871, 21853, 21821). The program will expand the reach of Chesapeake Health Care Community Health Workers (CHWs), providing care coordination and connecting residents to social support. Interventions include stationing CHWs in agencies throughout the county where people are already receiving services; engaging and assessing residents; and connecting them to coalition partners to provide SDOH services. Outreach efforts will also include organizing monthly CHW events and utilizing the SCHO mobile clinic in the harder to reach locations in the county.

Talbot County Health Department & EMS (Talbot; total award \$2,000,000)

The project will address health disparities in eldercare, childhood vaccinations, obesity and maternal health, for rural Hispanic women, children, and older Black adults in Talbot County (21601, 21612, 21625, 21647, 21652, 21654, 21657, 21662, 21663, 21665, 21671, 21673, 21676, 21679, 21653, 21624). Interventions will reduce health disparities among Hispanic women and children by providing increased access to women's health needs in the form of cancer screenings, reproductive care, family planning and health education (cervical and breast cancer prevention), diabetes and obesity, and improved pre- and postnatal care. For young Hispanic children, health and social screenings, nutrition education, and vaccinations will prevent disease, decrease obesity, improve school readiness, and build resiliency. Additional program efforts will provide care coordination and chronic disease education to Black rural older adults to improve access to care and reduce over utilization of 911 and Emergency Department (ED) services, allowing them to remain in their homes.

AHEC West (Allegany, Garrett; total award \$4,500,000)

The project will address substance use disorder, obesity and heart disease for rural residents in Allegany County and remote communities in Garrett County (21531, 21541, 21520, 21522, 21536, 21561, 21543, 21532, 21542, 21539, 21521, 21562, 21538). The program boasts a robust Alliance of partners that will bridge gaps to care by implementing substance use disorder services; providing remote medical monitoring by CHWs; administering street health care; and creating SDOH linkages for rural county residents. Programmatic efforts will connect residents to local FQHCs for direct access to primary, specialty, and pharmacy care. Interventions include transportation resources, health education, health insurance application assistance, a SNAP benefit match, rental deposit assistance, CHW home visits, benefits counseling, and remote health monitoring.

Community Free Clinic (Washington County; total award \$1,500,000)

This project will address chronic disease, mental health, and access to healthcare for underserved residents of Washington County (21740, 21742, 21713, 21783, 21795, 21722, 21758, 21750, 21782, 21756, 21733, 21779, 21746, 21711, 21719, 21767, 21748, 21715, 21720, 21721, 21734, 21741, 21747, 21743, 21781). The program will seek to address chronic disease management, mental health, and access to health care through outreach, workforce diversity and training, and health care and education opportunities. Interventions include case management and the provision of in-home care and visits when mobility/transportation are challenging, transportation to and from medical appointments, referral of individuals to mental health supports. In addition, the program will host local health screening and education seminars at outreach events, community centers, churches, and door-to-door as well as train staff in trauma-informed care, language courses and DEI.

APPENDIX G

Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
Coordinated Community Supports Partnerships – Pilot Hub Grants
10 Awards, Total: \$4,745,000

	Organization Name	Jurisdiction	Award
1.	Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc.	Anne Arundel County	\$520,000
2.	Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$480,000
3.	Baltimore County Bureau of Behavioral Health	Baltimore County	\$585,000
4.	Garrett County Health Department DBA the Local Behavioral Health Authority	Garrett and Allegany Counties	\$410,000
5.	Office on Mental Health/Core Service Agency of Harford County, Inc.	Harford County	\$410,000
6.	Howard County Office of the Local Children's Board	Howard County	\$550,000
7.	Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc.	Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties	\$410,000
8.	Montgomery County Maryland through its Department of Health and Human Services	Montgomery County	\$505,000
9.	St. Mary's County Health Department	St. Mary's County	\$300,000
10.	Worcester County's Initiative to Preserve Families	Worcester and Somerset Counties	\$575,000
	TOTAL		\$4,745,000

**Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
First Coordinated Community Supports Call for Proposals
129 Awards, Total: \$111 million**

Count	Organization name	Award	Description
Allegany (1 award)		\$825,000	
1	Allegany College Of Maryland	\$825,000	school-wide presentations on evidence-based stress relief tools, as well as small group programming for students and parents/caregivers
Anne Arundel (8 awards)		\$11,115,000	
2	Arundel Lodge, Inc.	\$1,150,000	substance use services, suicide prevention, support groups, medication management, therapy, bridge services and preventative screening, psychiatric diagnoses, and crisis intervention
3	Anne Arundel County Department of Health	\$365,000	substance use prevention services for youth and families
4	Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	\$525,000	address barriers to school attendance by connecting disengaged students with wraparound care coordination services that address student and family barriers to school attendance
5	Anne Arundel County, Maryland on behalf of the A.A. Co. Partnership for Children, Youth & Families	\$480,000	navigation to services and resources for families and students
6	Thrive Behavioral Health	\$6,700,000	substance abuse prevention, early childhood intervention, parent support groups, school professional development, translation, wraparound, and expansion of services
7	Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency	\$620,000	wraparound services and resources
8	The Children's Guild, Inc.	\$980,000	youth and family navigation services to students and families
9	Playworks Education Energized	\$295,000	social emotional learning, school climate
Baltimore City (11 awards)		\$12,010,000	
10	University of Maryland School of Medicine	\$970,000	family- and educator-focused training, in-school universal interventions, after school mental health programming, School Mental Health Program (SMHP) connection, and partnerships with community-based organizations
11	Hope Health Systems, Inc.	\$2,700,000	mental health consultations for school staff, prevention group sessions, awareness presentations, family outreach activities, and direct interventional services to students both at the school and at Hope Health System's offsite outpatient clinic locations
12	Hazel Health	\$1,500,000	telehealth services for students and families both in school and at home
13	Baltimore Medical System, Inc.	\$1,300,000	assessment and treatment for anxiety and depression, substance use, suicide prevention, small groups support, student and family linkage to wraparound services, and mental and behavioral health care referrals, delivered through school-based health centers (SBHCs)
14	The United Way of Central Maryland, Inc.	\$240,000	parenting coaching; family supports; individual, group, and family therapy; and wraparound supports, with a focus on teenage parents

15	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Rales Center	\$635,000	suicide prevention efforts, address mood disorders, and provide family supports, coordinated through the applicant's school-based health center (SBHC)
16	Johns Hopkins University	\$300,000	suicide prevention
17	Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore	\$290,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
18	The Y in Central Maryland	\$1,900,000	peer support groups, family supports, and social support for children and families
19	T.I.M.E. Organization	\$1,650,000	expanded in-school therapy and psychiatric services, care coordination and navigation, workshops and support groups for families, therapeutic summer camp programs, and teacher training and support groups, focusing on English Language Learners (ELL)
20	Sarah's House Mental Services, LLC	\$525,000	peer support training for parents, wraparound services for families, and family and individual therapy
	Baltimore County (8 awards)	\$8,870,000	
21	Hope Health Systems, Inc.	\$1,000,000	group sessions, awareness presentations, family outreach activities, and direct intervention services for students as well as mental health consultations for school staff
22	Nexus Wellness Group	\$240,000	individual, group, and family counseling; psychoeducation classes; social-emotional learning groups; parenting classes; grief groups; transportation services; and a mentoring program to students and their families
23	Thrive Behavioral Health	\$3,300,000	family education and support and expanded access to services/non-insurance reimbursable services (consultation/IEP meetings, translation, and uninsured/underinsured funding)
24	Lighthouse, Inc.	\$135,000	counseling to address generalized and social anxiety, school refusal, depression, grief, trauma, neurodivergence (including ADHD and autism), and issues of concern to LGBTQ+ children and their families
25	Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	\$790,000	interventions with disengaged students through wraparound care coordination that addresses student and family barriers related to school attendance
26	Life Renewal Services, Inc.	\$405,000	individual and family therapy and medication evaluation and management, telehealth services, and access to a mobile team that will provide individual and family therapy, case management, therapeutic mentoring, and medication services in the home
27	Tidemark Intervention Services	\$1,300,000	prevention programming, therapy, prescriber services, a psychiatric rehabilitation program, and therapeutic afterschool programming
28	Balance Point Wellness	\$1,700,000	individual, group, and family therapy; medication management services; therapeutic workshops and mentoring; family support; and training for school staff
	Calvert (7 awards)	\$2,900,000	
29	Calvert County Health Department – Behavioral Health	\$900,000	crisis stabilization services, therapy, social-emotional learning, vaping education and cessation programming, and transportation support
30	Community Mediation Center of Calvert County, Inc.	\$90,000	preventative mental and behavioral health education and support, mediation, classroom circles, community conferencing, conflict resolution education, and peer mediation training
31	East-John Youth Center, Inc	\$500,000	transportation and access to the in-school and after-school Adolescent Clubhouse program, which offers substance use prevention, mental health awareness education, peer-supported programming, and family peer supports
32	Pathways, Inc	\$650,000	individual, group, and family mental health therapy; substance abuse screening; individual and parent support groups; psychopharmacology;

			telehealth services; school-wide mental health education; case management; and crisis response services
33	Barstow Acres Children's Center, Inc	\$120,000	therapeutic summer day camps that will teach social skills, diabetes management, and parent education through social skills groups and play therapy
34	Uneo Health - in partnership with NAMI Maryland, Bowie State University, and AMG	\$465,000	smartphone app that will provide self-care and support resources to at-risk and underserved high school teenagers through a secure, gamified platform
35	Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland	\$175,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
	Caroline (2 awards)	\$655,000	
36	Caroline County Health Department-Behavioral Health	\$325,000	counseling, peer support services, case management services, community outreach, family supports, and transportation
37	Choptank Community Health System. Inc	\$330,000	co-occurring individual therapy, care coordination, substance use prevention, suicide prevention, family groups, and family support, delivered through the applicant's school-based health centers (SBHCs)
	Carroll (2 awards)	\$1,630,000	
38	Life Renewal Services	\$1,040,000	collaborate with school staff to reduce absenteeism by providing individual and family therapy, medication evaluation and management, mobile services and home visits, mentoring, and case management services
39	Boys & Girls Clubs of Carroll County, Inc.	\$590,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
	Cecil (5 awards)	\$2,470,000	
40	Cecil County - Dept. of Community Services	\$105,000	family peer support navigation and links to direct trauma care
41	Youth Empowerment Source	\$260,000	parenting workshops, case management and conflict resolution, Social Emotional Learning, and a summer camp focused on health and wellness
42	Upper Bay Counseling & Support Services, Inc.	\$880,000	digital platform to help connect students and families with appropriate levels of care and provide access to educational information, community resources, self-guided interventions, a parent portal, assessments, and virtual brief intervention groups
43	Advantage Psychiatric Services LLC	\$345,000	support groups, suicide prevention, mental health awareness programs, substance use prevention programs, and individual and family therapy
44	LIVEFORTHOMAS Foundation, Inc.	\$880,000	suicide awareness and prevention services, peer-to-peer support, and support groups
	Charles (4 awards)	\$3,965,000	
45	Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD)	\$580,000	mental health first aid training and a mental health promotion campaign
46	Hazel Health	\$550,000	telehealth services for students and families both in school and at home
47	Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Mary	\$130,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
48	Center for Children, Inc	\$2,705,000	dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) for high-need youth; substance use services, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) services for youth with trauma histories; and wraparound and case management services for students and families who are not on Medicaid or meet the criteria for targeted case management (TCM+)
	Dorchester (5 awards)	\$1,465,000	
49	Parent Encouragement Program	\$200,000	parenting education program for parents and primary caregivers of

			children ages 5 to 18
50	Community Behavioral Health	\$185,000	substance use disorder services through an after-school program
51	Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD)	\$520,000	mental health promotion and prevention activities
52	FranklinCovey Client Sales Inc.	\$390,000	family engagement workshops to improve family functioning and better support students
53	Maple Shade Youth & Family Services, Inc	\$170,000	after-school program that will teach cognitive behavioral techniques, including education about reactions to trauma; relaxation training; cognitive therapy; stress or trauma exposure; and social problem solving
	Frederick (12 awards)	\$7,640,000	
54	Mental Health Association of Frederick County, Inc.	\$345,000	parent coaching and systems navigation services to address and prevent school avoidance
55	Parent Encouragement Program, Inc. (PEP)	\$100,000	parenting education for parents and caregivers of children ages five to 18
56	Centro Hispano de Frederick	\$265,000	social-emotional learning, health resource coordination, family supports, and a summer camp, focusing on the Hispanic community
57	Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	\$290,000	intervene with disengaged students through wraparound care coordination services that address student and family barriers related to school attendance
58	SHIP of Frederick County	\$260,000	case management services for youth experiencing homelessness
59	Thrive Behavioral Health	\$480,000	family education and support, school staff training, and expanded access to services/non-insurance reimbursable services (consultation/IEP meetings, translation, and uninsured/underinsured funding)
60	I Believe in Me	\$235,000	wraparound supports, navigation and access to mental health services, mentoring, and family supports
61	Uneo Health - in partnership with NAMI Maryland, Bowie State University, and AMG	\$470,000	smartphone app that will provide self-care and support resources to at-risk and underserved high school teenagers through a secure, gamified platform
62	Heartly House, Inc.	\$590,000	abuse and violence prevention education, case management services, and counseling services for children and parents
63	Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change	\$35,000	school staff training on interventions to address school refusal and avoidance as well as webinar-based training module for parents and guardians of school refusers
64	Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.	\$4,000,000	individual and family therapy, early intervention groups, case management services, psychiatric services, and a summer program
65	Greenspace Mental Health Ltd.	\$570,000	digital front door for students and family members to better access, navigate, and engage with an expanded ecosystem of mental health supports from psychoeducation to direct service delivery
	Garrett (2 awards)	\$1,305,000	
66	Garrett County Health Department	\$775,000	school-based behavioral health counseling services, after-school group behavioral health services, telehealth services, and transportation to behavioral health services
67	Western Maryland Health Care Corporation d/b/a Mountain Laurel Medical Center	\$530,000	behavioral health screening and assessments, substance abuse screening and assessment, support groups, and family supports
	Harford (7 awards)	\$4,535,000	
68	FreshStart Therapeutic Services	\$300,000	therapeutic mentoring and peer and family/community group support on topics such as depression, anxiety, coping skills, social skills, independent living skills, suicide and substance use prevention
69	Thrive Behavioral Health	\$380,000	family education and support, school staff training, and expanded access to services/non-insurance reimbursable services (consultation/IEP meetings,

			translation, and uninsured/underinsured funding)
70	Achieving True Self	\$1,485,000	social-emotional learning through social skills groups, parent training, behavior consultation and support
71	Nature Worx, Inc.	\$100,000	mindfulness-based nature immersion sessions for students and their families to help participants learn skills to support their mental/emotional health and increase their resiliency/coping abilities
72	Harford County Boys & Girls Club	\$800,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
73	Cook Center for Human Connection	\$950,000	parent coaching, school staff training, and promote positive classroom environments
74	Pivot Point Counseling, LLC	\$520,000	outpatient psychiatric services, care coordination, case management, family support groups, collaboration with other providers, and wraparound services
	Howard (5 awards)	\$4,960,000	
75	Parent Encouragement Program, Inc. (PEP)	\$385,000	parenting education for parents and caregivers of children ages five to 18
76	Backpack Healthcare	\$1,100,000	expand access to substance use groups piloted in the spring of 2023, monthly Wellness Workshops, and counseling services
77	Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.	\$2,250,000	individual and family therapy, early intervention groups, case management, psychiatric services, and a summer program
78	Brain Futures	\$1,000,000	executive cognitive functioning enhancement to improve learning ability, enhance school connectedness, and reduce negative mental health experiences
79	Congruent Counseling Services	\$225,000	substance use disorder services, mental health interventions and education, parent support, and navigation to services and supports
	Kent (2 awards)	\$975,000	
80	For All Seasons, Inc.	\$735,000	individual and family therapy, telehealth, support groups, psychiatric care, medication management, mindfulness, and mental health literacy programs. Bilingual services and workforce development will also be available
81	Choptank Community Health System, Inc	\$240,000	co-occurring individual therapy, care coordination, substance use prevention, suicide prevention, family groups, and family support, delivered through the applicant's school-based health centers (SBHCs)
	Montgomery (8 awards)	\$8,395,000	
82	Parent Encouragement Program, Inc. (PEP)	\$905,000	parenting education for parents and primary caregivers of children ages 5 to 18
83	CaringMatters	\$50,000	peer support groups for grieving students
84	Tree of Hope Association	\$515,000	peer support groups and one-on-one peer mentorship, coordinated through school-based health centers (SHBCs)
85	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington	\$245,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
86	Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA)	\$2,500,000	individual, family, and group therapy; support groups; after school programming; family supports and navigation to services; and school staff training
87	Thrive Behavioral Health	\$1,150,000	family education and support, school staff training, and expanded access to services/non-insurance reimbursable services (consultation/IEP meetings, translation, and uninsured/underinsured funding)
88	Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.	\$2,320,000	individual and family therapy, early intervention groups, case management, psychiatric services, and a summer program
89	Identity, Inc.	\$710,000	emotional support groups, life skills training, substance abuse prevention, and trauma awareness, focusing on Latino, low-income, and Emergent Multilingual Learner students

	Prince George's (19 awards)	\$24,915,000	
90	Reginald S. Lourie Center for Infants and Young Children	\$730,000	Circle of Security groups for parents and teachers to help provide a secure base for children to reduce impact of adversity and mental health support and early learning
91	Hazel Health	\$2,750,000	telehealth services for students and families, in school or at home
92	Spectrum of Hope, Health, Wellness and Community Services, LLC.	\$1,250,000	family support, navigation and linkages to services that identify and support children and youth with behavioral health and co-occurring neurodiversity including autism through direct in-house providers or via accountable community integrated partners
93	Hyacinth Wellness	\$1,350,000	substance use disorder prevention, intervention and treatment through peer education, therapeutic art interventions, peer support groups, and individual and family therapy
94	Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.	\$2,050,000	individual and family therapy, early intervention groups, case management, psychiatric services, and a summer program
95	EveryMind	\$2,700,000	individual, group and family therapy; mental health education and literacy; suicide prevention; and wraparound services
96	GapBuster, Inc.	\$845,000	individual, group, and family therapy; social emotional learning; art therapy; motivational interviewing; mentoring; substance use services; and suicide prevention
97	Community Advocates for Family & Youth, Inc. (CAFY)	\$680,000	individual, family, and group therapy; support groups; peer support; wraparound support; suicide prevention; and bereavement support
98	SMYAL (Sexual Minority Youth Aid Society)	\$365,000	school-based groups, individual counseling in-person or via telehealth, focusing on focus on LGBTQ+ youth and those navigating gender expression issues
99	Healthlincs	\$1,900,000	behavioral health screening, care coordination, social determinant of health (SDOH) supports, social emotional learning (SEL), individual therapy, group therapy, family supports, substance use disorder (SUD) interventions, mental health screening, classroom observation, and teacher training
100	Uneo Health - in partnership with NAMI Maryland, Bowie State University, and AMG	\$470,000	smartphone app that will provide self-care and support resources to at-risk and underserved high school teenagers through a secure, gamified platform
101	Kirstin's Care, LLC	\$295,000	support groups, one-on-one interventions, and family support for youth who are experiencing mental health concerns or distress and substance use disorder
102	La Clínica del Pueblo, Inc.	\$735,000	individualized mental health counseling, care coordination, mental health workshops for parents, and training for teachers, focusing on the Latino population
103	iMind Health, LLC (DBA: iMind Behavioral Health)	\$3,500,000	behavioral health crisis prevention and response through the Mobile Response and Stabilization (MRSS) model
104	Luminis Health	\$1,610,000	school-wide preventative and mental health literacy programming; navigation and case management services; Substance Use Disorder services; behavioral health education; support and navigation for families; prevention and mental health promotion activities for parents, teachers and students; screenings for behavioral health and related issues; transportation to services; and other wraparound supports
105	VineCorps	\$1,300,000	substance use disorder services, behavioral health education and support for students and families, support groups, wraparound and navigation services, and schoolwide preventative mental health literacy programming
106	AprilMay Company Inc	\$1,230,000	early intervention for learners with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), professional learning opportunities for teachers to support students with IDD, parent and family supports, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) testing, and diagnosis and counseling

107	Transitions Counseling and Mentoring Services Inc.	\$385,000	outpatient therapy; psychiatric rehabilitation programs; diagnostic, assessment, consultation and psychiatric services; substance abuse services; suicide prevention; family support; and mental health and wellness workshops
108	Paths for Families (Formerly Adoptions Together and Family Works Together)	\$770,000	counseling for students, support for families, training in trauma for school staff, with a focus on students in foster care, kinship care, or adoptive families
	Queen Anne's (4 awards)	\$1,405,000	
109	Hazel Health	\$155,000	telehealth services for students and families, in school or at home
110	Striving For Wellness Together LLC	\$540,000	school-wide preventative and mental health services; individual, group and family counseling; and behavioral health education, support, and navigation for families
111	Chesapeake Bay Psychological Services LLC	\$350,000	outpatient behavioral health services, psychotherapy, substance use disorder assessment/treatment, and a psychoeducational parent group
112	Choptank Community Health System. Inc	\$360,000	co-occurring individual therapy, care coordination, substance use prevention, suicide prevention, family groups, and family support, delivered through the applicant's school-based health centers (SBHCs)
	Somerset (2 awards)	\$945,000	
113	The Personal Wellness Center	\$440,000	family support, wraparound services, support groups, before- and after- school programs, teacher wellness, birth to five support, and parenting classes
114	Life Management of Maryland, LLC	\$505,000	psychoeducation, mentoring, parenting skills training, behavioral health training for staff, and opportunities for social-emotional development
	St. Mary's (2 awards)	\$2,020,000	
115	St. Mary's County Health Department	\$1,435,000	behavioral health diagnosis, treatment, counseling, and youth mentoring services, delivered through school-based health centers (SBHCs)
116	Maryland Coalition of Families	\$585,000	family peer support, support groups, resource connection, and systems navigation
	Talbot (1 award)	\$790,000	
117	Peace of Mind Mental Health Services, LLC	\$790,000	individual, group, and family counseling; parenting skill-building groups; small groups in the school setting; medication management; behavioral health education for families and caretakers; school staff training; and transportation
	Washington (6 awards)	\$4,105,000	
118	Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.	\$2,000,000	individual and family therapy, early intervention groups, case management, psychiatric services, and a summer program
119	Family Healthcare of Hagerstown	\$545,000	therapy, medication management, family navigation, and school staff training
120	Achieving True Self	\$530,000	social skills groups, parent training, and behavior consultation and support
121	Boys & Girls Club of Washington County	\$520,000	social-emotional skill building and character development through after-school activities
122	Hospice of Washington County Inc.	\$290,000	bereavement and grief support services for students and families; individualized, comprehensive, and developmentally appropriate resource toolkits for students; peer grief support groups; and individual care services in school, home, office, and community settings
123	San Mar Family and Community Services: Bester Community of Hope	\$220,000	in-home wraparound family support services, collaboration with treatment teams and schools, referral and intake services, and parent engagement

	Wicomico (2 awards)	\$965,000	
124	Maple Shade Youth & Family Services, Inc	\$290,000	after-school program that will teach cognitive behavioral techniques, including education about reactions to trauma; relaxation training; cognitive therapy; stress or trauma exposure; and social problem solving
125	Three Lower Counties Community Services, Inc. dba Chesapeake Health Care	\$675,000	counseling, suicide prevention, substance use services, support groups, family supports, peer supports, and wraparound services delivered through the applicant's school-based health centers (SBHCs)
	Worcester (4 awards)	\$2,220,000	
126	Worcester County Health Department	\$465,000	therapy and family supports
127	Better Together	\$920,000	family education and support, case management and navigation, support groups, transportation, and a summer camp
128	Three Lower Counties Community Services, Inc. dba Chesapeake Health Care	\$620,000	counseling, suicide prevention, substance use services, support groups, family supports, peer supports, and wraparound services delivered through the applicant's school-based health centers (SBHCs)
129	Maple Shade Youth & Family Services, Inc	\$215,000	after-school program that will teach cognitive behavioral techniques, including education about reactions to trauma; relaxation training; cognitive therapy; stress or trauma exposure; and social problem solving
	TOTAL	\$111,080,000	

APPENDIX H

Executive Summary

The Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers works to improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive School-Based Health Center (SBHC) services by advancing the integration of SBHCs into the health care and education systems at the State and local levels. The Council is staffed by the Community Health Resources Commission, an independent commission operating within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

As of December 1, 2023, there are 89 SBHCs across 16 jurisdictions in Maryland. During Fiscal Year 2023, all SBHCs in Maryland received grant funding totaling over \$7 million from the MDH Bureau of Maternal and Child Health (“the Bureau”).

Diagram 1 illustrates the distribution of SBHCs across Maryland. Jurisdictions indicated in green are the counties where SBHCs are currently located.

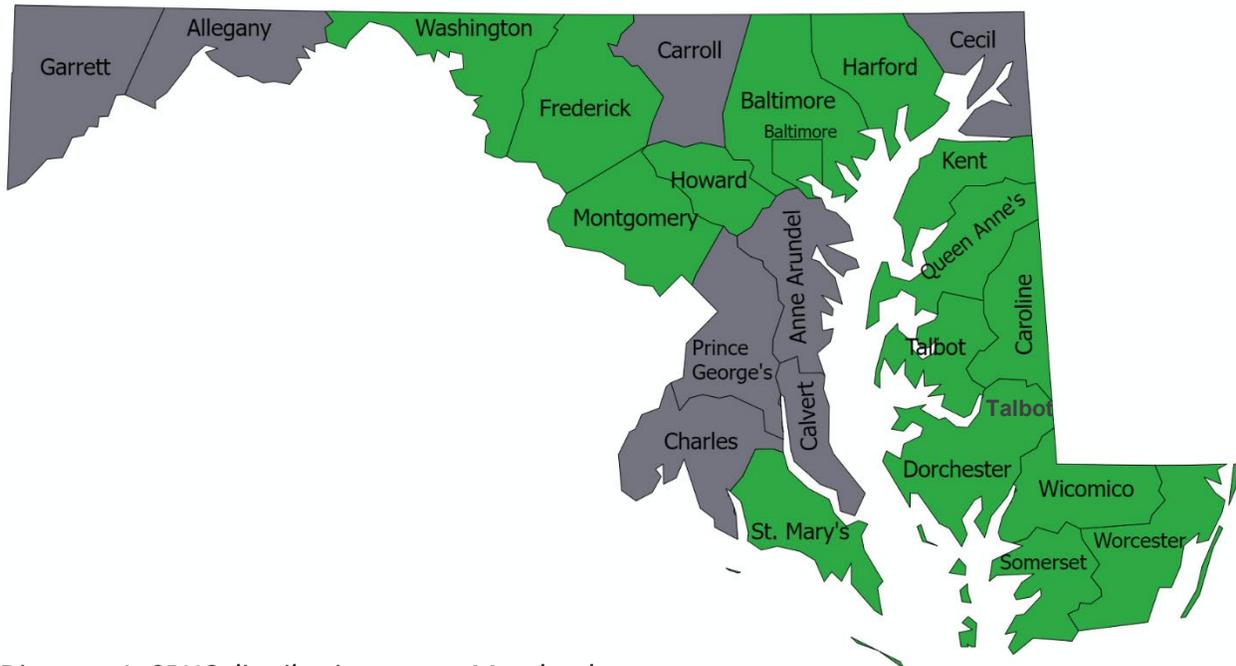


Diagram 1: SBHC distribution across Maryland

The Council made important progress on its mission in 2023. Key accomplishments are outlined below.

1. The Council issued recommendations for data to be collected and analyzed through the SBHC annual survey and other data sources. These recommendations, requested by the Bureau, included a number of suggested measures and the rationale for collecting each. The recommendations also included a list of measures that could be collected from sources other than the survey such as annual SBHC applications, MSDE, CRISP, Immunet, and others. The Council recommended: 1) that training and technical assistance be provided to SBHCs in completing survey questions; 2) that clear definitions be

provided for each question, including the timeframe for each; 3) that the reporting burden on SBHC administrators be reduced by pre-populating data, pulling data directly from other sources, and building in logic tests; 4) that patient satisfaction surveys be developed; and 5) that SBHC Administrators be given sufficient time to adjust to any additional changes to the survey. Finally, the Council recommended that the Department issue annual reports using SBHC data and use survey findings for data-driven decision-making. These recommendations are included in appendix 2.

2. The Council developed recommendations for a future SBHC quality and/or process improvement program. The recommendation proposed that such a program should not be implemented for 18 months or more, but planning should begin now. While SBHCs already are required to implement quality and/or process improvement programs, an opportunity exists to provide them with more support and feedback, including through a learning collaborative. The Council recommended a three-phase approach. During phase one, the Council recommended short interviews with SBHCs to understand their existing capacity and interests, as well as an assessment of the Department’s capacity to manage such a program. During the second phase, the Council recommended interview results be used to identify potential areas of focus, that metrics be developed for these areas of focus, and that partners be engaged. Third would be a one- to two-year implementation phase, with a robust curriculum and significant technical assistance. These recommendations are included in appendix 3.

3. The Council developed recommendations related to the proposed requirement for a minimum of eight hours over two days per week of in-person clinician services at SBHCs. At the request of the Bureau, the Council considered whether minimum requirements should be set for weekly in-person clinician hours at SBHCs. The Bureau had included these requirements in its draft Revised Standards. The Council recommended that, while eight hours over two days per week would be ideal, SBHCs should have some flexibility and support. These recommendations are included in appendix 4.

4. Council recommendations supported a policy change by Maryland Medicaid to begin covering sports physicals (Preparticipation Physical Exams – PPE) by SBHCs. As part of its SBHC billing recommendations issued last year (2022), the Council recommended authorizing Medicaid reimbursement for sports physicals provided by SBHC clinicians. Maryland Medicaid, working with the Bureau, accepted that recommendation, and effective August 14, 2023, SBHCs may now bill Medicaid for sports physicals. A memo on this policy change is included in appendix 5.

The Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers looks forward to a successful 2024. For more information about the Council, please contact Lorianne Moss, staff to the Council, at (410) 456-6525 or Mark Luckner, Executive Director of the Community Health Resources Commission, at (410) 260-6290.

APPENDIX I

Abbreviations

CASBHC: Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers

CHRC: Community Health Resources Commission

CHW: Community Health Worker

CMMI: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

CRISP: Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients

DAP: Maryland Diabetes Action Plan (MDH population health initiative)

ED: Emergency Department

EHR: Electronic Health Record

FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center

HEDIS: Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set

HERC: Health Equity Resource Community

HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

LHD: Local Health Department

LHIC: Local Health Improvement Coalition

MAT: Medication Assisted Treatment

MCO: Managed Care Organization

MDH: Maryland Department of Health

MHBE: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

MASBHC: Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care

MRHA: Maryland Rural Health Association

MSDE: Maryland State Department of Education

PCP: Primary Care Provider

QBP: CASBHC’s Quality and Best Practices Workgroup

RFA: Request for Applications

SBHC: School-Based Health Center

SDOH: Social Determinants of Health

SHIP: State Health Improvement Process