

BALTIMORE CITY LHIC SDOH WORKGROUP MEETING NOTES 9/15/2023

Notes

- **Addressing social determinants of health in Baltimore**
 - Meeting focuses on updates from the health department and logistical work for youth engagement, with closed captioning and recording available.
 - Aisha Burgess from Baltimore City Health Department joins the group to discuss urban agriculture and social determinants of health.
 - Baltimore City health department representative discusses joining resilience catalyst cohort to address violence and trauma through social determinants of health lens.
- **Medicaid enrollment and community health assessment in Baltimore City**
 - Medicaid enrollment is no longer automatic, now done through monthly notices with a timeframe for enrollment.
 - Healthcare Access Maryland can connect individuals who lost their Medicaid coverage back to their coverage and provide navigation support.
 - The Local Health Improvement Coalition is conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment every 3-5 years to identify social and health issues in Baltimore City.
 - Key informants, including leaders in the community and neighborhood representatives, are being surveyed to gather more in-depth information on pressing social and health needs.
- **Intergenerational collaboration and scheduling for community health improvement**
 - The community health needs assessment will impact the Local Health Improvement Coalition's priorities and actions and will be driven by data collection and feedback from focus groups.
 - The intergenerational work will be updated by Rashad Staton of CLIA (Community Law In Action), who will provide more information on that topic.
 - The group discusses the feasibility of scheduling SDOH meetings on Tuesdays or Thursdays instead of Fridays to accommodate young people's availability.
 - The group seeks consensus on whether to change the regular meeting day from a Friday to either Tuesday or Thursday, with a preference for late afternoon start times.
- **Scheduling a meeting for youth workforce development program**
 - Speaker suggests changing the meeting time to accommodate young people and mentions early dismissal days for professional development.
 - Monica looks at the school calendar and identifies four early release days in 2023 and 2024, including November 3rd, January 19th, and April 5th.
 - Monica Painter introduces herself and the BIT Center, discussing their youth workforce development program and community programs.
 - Group decides to hold next meetings on Thursday afternoons after poll shows majority preference.
- **Youth engagement and urban agriculture**
 - Speaker plans to create a collaborative culture in person, prioritizing youth engagement and accessibility

- Next steps include preliminary prep meetings, norm setting, and inclusive agenda formulation to allow young people to speak and provide insight
- Teresa and Kiana are developing proposals for funding and support, while Anne Rosenthal from Baltimore City Public Schools is interested in connecting with local farmers.
- **Collaborating with urban farmers in Baltimore**
 - Kiana and Teresa met with DOP and discussed collaborating more closely
 - Caleb Brown expressed interest in engaging with the group and shared his name
 - Farm Alliance seeks collaboration with local organizations, including Maryland Food Bank and Plantation Park Heights.
 - Teresa and Kiana are working on building capacity for urban agriculture and food systems in Baltimore, with a focus on supporting producers and making food accessible to those in need.
 - The group is discussing ways to engage folks around this work, including through community announcements and synergies with city agencies like the Department of Planning and the Office of Sustainability.
- **Community events and support for a sick member**
 - Rhonda and Teresa ask to collaborate with Kiana on work.
 - Victoria shares updates on upcoming event at city hall, including free supplies and activities.