

## **2014 LHIP: Health Disparities Work Group Final Report 2016**

During the 2014-2016 Local Health Improvement Plan cycle, The Health Disparities Work Group met all of its action plan objectives. A review was conducted of existing reports and a search conducted for additional data sources seeking additional data at the county level that was stratified or broken down by variables that could indicate a health disparity. No additional indicators were identified beyond what was reported in the 2014 Community Health Assessment.

The Work Group members worked with other LHIP Work Groups to identify potential objectives and key actions related to assessing and responding to health disparities. The Health Education Support Work Group incorporated such an objective in the Passport to Health program.

The Work Group members developed a slide presentation to raise awareness about health disparities in Frederick County and begin a dialog about potential actions the audiences could take in response. Through the established Speakers Bureau eleven presentations were given to a wide variety of audiences from school system staff to civic clubs. The Work Group member discussions have led to additional supportive actions such as creating a resource guide and tool kit for general public use. The opportunity to have a dialog among the various sectors represented within the Work Group was invaluable and advanced the pursuit of health equity within each of our representative organizations.