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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH PRIORITIES SET

FREDERICK, MD – A Priority Setting Summit was held on January 15, 2019 to establish the priorities for local health improvement. The top three health priorities were set as the focus for the next three years.

The Priority Setting Summit was sponsored by Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick County Health Department, and the Frederick County Health Care Coalition. Over 120 members of the Frederick community, including elected officials, non-profits, county agencies, healthcare, and community members came together yesterday to hear presentations by local subject matter experts on the top ten health issues in Frederick County based on current data. Over 120 participants completed a readiness assessment to help determine the top priorities for the next three years. These priorities are:

- Behavioral Health (including substance use, mental health, suicide)
- ACEs/Infant Health
- Chronic Disease (including hypertension, obesity, cancer, STI's/HIV)

Work groups were established for each of the priority areas and will go on to set specific goals and objectives to address the issues of the priority.

Additional information on the Local Health Improvement Process is available at <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/LHIP>. For further information, contact Health Officer Dr. Barbara Brookmyer at the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-2509 or by email at Bbrookmyer@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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