

Frederick County Local Health Improvement Plan 2014

Elderly Support Workgroup Action Plan, updated May 2014

Priority Area: Identification of health care needs and services required for poor elderly in Frederick County			
Goal 1: That no vulnerable elderly person in Frederick County will have a health need that is unmet because of a lack of funds, including access to healthcare (such as primary care, mental health, vision, hearing, and dental), transportation, safe and affordable housing, assisted living, and nursing home care).			
Objectives	Key Actions	Who	By When
Objective 1: <i>Generate and Collect Data for Analysis</i> - Create a HIPAA compliant data warehouse compiling relevant public and private data sources (e.g. insurance companies) consisting of elderly demographic and public health oriented information. Evaluate the data seeking trends relating to unmet health needs of the vulnerable elderly population of Frederick County, to be completed by 2Q2015.	1. Commission a group of experts to define target population and <u>identify data</u> which would be required to evaluate the state of health of the elderly in Frederick County. In addition the group will identify data which will track the progress of implementation of the health-related components of the 2013 Needs Assessment of the Aging Population of Frederick County, and they will identify data which can be used to evaluate impact of the implementation needs assessment, activities to be completed by 3Q2014	Dr. Joe Berman	3Q2014
	2. Survey public and private data sources to determine whether there is data available and perform a gap analysis against the data requirements identified in Action Plan Strategy 1.1, to be completed by 2Q2015	Dr. Joe Berman	2Q2015
	3. Obtain data, format for analysis, and store in a HIPPA compliant database. Create an analysis plan and analyze data to develop results which will be used to populate a dash board enabling status updates and trend analysis by relevant agencies, to be completed by 4Q2015	Dr. Joe Berman	4Q2015
	4. Evaluate existing programs against the data warehouse information for urgent opportunities to improve unmet need in vulnerable elderly of Frederick County by 4Q2014 (e.g. Meals on Wheels, Wait Lists for Assisted Care Facilities, etc.).	Dr. Joe Berman	4Q2014

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<p>Objective 2: <i>Create the Environment to Allow Broad Input and Collaboration</i> – Identify and work collaboratively with public and private stakeholder organizations to gain input, align activities, and leverage resources to address the health-related needs of the vulnerable elderly of Frederick County, to complete by 3Q2014</p>	<p>1. Identify public and private stakeholder organizations and create a stakeholder map showing areas and activities in which they are involved. Evaluate the map to determine opportunities for alignment and areas to focus resources, to complete by 3Q2014.</p>	Dr. Joe Berman	3Q2014
	<p>2. Encourage the development of and cooperation between appropriate advocacy group(s) to address the needs of the low-income elderly citizens of Frederick County. Available groups will be engaged to provide an expert voice on specific health-related issues and to involve in creating aligned action plans.</p> <p><i>In progress: Advocates for the Aging in Frederick County (AAFC) incorporated Mar-14. The AAFC has created a subcommittee to participate in the process to determine appropriate plans and activities to create a healthy elderly community.</i></p>	Dr. Joe Berman	3Q2014
	<p>3. Work with the Commission on Aging/Department of Aging in identifying social and/or other determinants which can negatively affect the health of the vulnerable elderly population. Encourage these organizations to evaluate whether their existing plans will address those factors sufficiently to mitigate health-related deleterious effects, to be completed by 2Q2015.</p>	Dr. Joe Berman	2Q2015
<p>Objective 3: <i>Create and Gain Approval of An Integrated Action Plan</i> - Develop an integrated stepwise plan which will over time meet the needs of the vulnerable elderly in Frederick County. Align the plan with key stakeholders and gain approval</p>	<p>1. Commission an expert workgroup to review data trends and stakeholder maps to develop proposed plan to achieve unmet needs using resources from similarly aligned stakeholders. Circulate plans among stakeholders and come up with an action plan, with timelines and resource requirements by 4Q2015. Gain approval as necessary from relevant agencies and Frederick County Government</p>	Dr. Joe Berman	4Q2015