

**DRAFT - 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE  
MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**April 3, 2006  
Harper's Choice Community Center – Kahler Hall  
5440 Old Tucker Row  
Columbia, Maryland 21044**

Chairman Samuel Lin called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM. Commissioners Yvette J. Benjamin, Jude L. Boyer-Patrick, Alice Burton, Jorge E. Calderon, Kendall D. Hunter, Donald C. Roane, Karla R. Roskos, and Joseph P. Ross were also present. Commissioners John A. Hurson and Leon Kaplan were absent.

**CHAIRMAN LIN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Lin announced an agenda change to allow Robyn Elliott, Director, DHMH Governmental Affairs to present a legislative update, then to proceed with the planned agenda.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Robyn Elliott, Director, DHMH Governmental Affairs presented an update on the current Maryland General Assembly Session. Ms. Elliott noted that the Commission's FY 2007 budget is intact, including funding for staff positions. Ms. Elliott reported that House Bill 1118 will likely pass the General Assembly. This bill adds substance abuse to the areas for which the Commission can award grants. Legislation is pending to add \$7 Million for health care for legal immigrants. If these bills don't pass, the Commission may be asked to make these issues a priority for awarding grants.

**MARCH 6, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Karla Roskos made and Commissioner Kendall Hunter seconded a motion to approve the March 6, 2006 meeting minutes. The motion passed by voice vote of the Commissioners.

**BACKGROUND ON THE UNINSURED**

Dr. Lin announced that the scheduled presentations: The Uninsured in Maryland (Findings from the HRSA State Planning Grant project), by Linda Bartnyska, Chief, Cost and Quality Analysis, Maryland Health Care Commission and Coverage and Access Programs for Uninsured Marylanders under 200% Federal Poverty Level by Stacey Davis, Office of Planning and Finance, Maryland Medicaid, DHMH would be deferred to a future date.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

These individuals presented comments on the definition of a “Community Health Resource”:

Sandi Rowland, Allegany Health Right; Pegeen Townsend, Maryland Hospital Association, Salliann Alborn, Community Health Integrated Partnership and Maryland Community Health System, Martha Nathanson, Lifebridge Health, Linda J. Gilligan, Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, Inc., Krupa Shinde, Health Education Resource Organization, Inc (HERO), and Lori Doyle, Community Behavioral Association of Maryland.

Discussion followed with Ms. Rowland, Townsend, Dr. Alborn, Ms. Nathanson, Ms. Gilligan Ms. Shinde, and Ms. Doyle answering questions about the nature of community health centers and resources.

## **COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

Chairman Lin led a discussion on Commission administrative issues and asked that each commissioner volunteer to serve on two of the standing committees: Capital and Operational Funding – Commissioner Karla Roskos; Hospital and Community Health Resources relations – Commissioner Joseph Ross; Scholl-based Community Health Clinic Center Expansion – Commissioner Yvette Benjamin; and Data Information systems – Commissioner Kendall Hunter.

. Jason Sapsin, Esq., Counsel to the Commission and Grace Zaczek, Commission staff will draft an outline of what activities the authorizing legislation requires.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairman Lin stated that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2006 from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM in Columbia, Maryland. At Kahler Hall.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lin declaring there was no further business for the Commission at this meeting, asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Burton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Calderon seconded. Chairman Lin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

