Healthcare Action Coalition

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Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition (PGHAC) serves as a community health network and forum for collaboration to advance the health of Prince George's County. This community-powered coalition represents over 70 community organizations, health care providers and stakeholders in community health.

The Coalition was formed in 2012 under the leadership of Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD), with Health Officer Pamela Creekmur serving as Chairwoman. The initial Community Health Improvement Plan focused on ensuring that every PGC resident could have access to superior health care that is affordable, high quality, and culturally competent. In 2016 PGCHD along with all five area hospitals led the PGHAC process to update the Community Health Needs Assessment. A select Community Advisory Group representing populations and agencies across the County reviewed all the information collected and prioritized: Behavioral Health, the Social Determinants of Health, Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome, and Cancer as the areas of focus for PGHAC. PGHAC has three work groups composed to address these priority areas, with an updated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) scheduled to be released in 2018. The 2018 CHIP is focused on a framework of policy, systems, and environmental changes that will help to make healthy choices realistic and available to county residents, workers, and visitors.

The Coalition meets the 2nd Tuesday of March, June, September, and December at 6:00pm at 1801 McCormick Dr, Conference Room 1. Please email drperkins@co.pg.md.us if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

**PGACH Work Groups:**

**Behavioral Health**
Co-Chairs: Collette Harris and Makeitha Abdulbarr  
Research Assistant: Samantha Smith  
Email: SASmith3@co.pg.md.us  
Meeting Information: The third Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm; please email for more information.  
Vision: *Prince George’s County is a place where residents have access to integrated behavioral health care services through a resilient behavioral health workforce who provide continuous high-quality, personalized and culturally-sensitive care.*

**Health Equity**
Co-Chairs: Shari Curtis and Jose Luis Diaz  
Research Assistant: Olivia Kachingwe  
Email: ONKachingwe@co.pg.md.us  
Meeting Information: The third Thursday of the month from 4:30-6:30pm; please email for more information.  
Vision: *Prince George’s County is a place where everyone has equitable access to achieve their full health and wellness potential, regardless of race, color, religion, country of origin, immigration status, class, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity.*
Health Eating and Active Living
Co-Chairs: Tiffany Williams Jennings and Sydney Daigle
Research Assistant: Vacant
Email:drperkins@co.pg.md.us
Meeting Information: The first Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm; please email for more information.
Vision: The Healthy Eating Active Living Workgroup envisions Prince George’s County as a place where everyone has access to fresh, nutritious food and environments that promote good health, wellness and active living.