

## **Local Health Disparities Coalition**

In Washington County, Maryland

### **Why were LHDC's started?**

Local Health Disparities Committees were formed as part of a statewide initiative in Maryland to help develop solutions and activities to promote improvement in the health of the minority populations in your area, with a focus on healthy lifestyles and health equity. Individuals and organizations (civic and government) are encouraged to participate on this coalition.

### **What does a LHDC Do?**

Your Local Health Disparities Coalition partners with the local health department and other agencies in your community that are working to address minority health issues and other health concerns that impact public health.

Your Local Health Disparities Coalition is involved activities and events that target ethnic/racial groups to promote health education and health disparities awareness. Your Local Health Disparities Coalition helps distribute health education materials. Your Local Health Disparities Coalition is involved in shaping policies that eliminate health disparities and policies that promote health equity.

### **What You Can Do**

You can become a member of the Local Health Disparities Coalition to serve in an active role in activities, events and

partnerships that help eliminate health disparities, build healthier lifestyles and healthier community environments.

### **Promoting Healthy Lifestyles**

Physical Health  
Mental Health  
Personal Hygiene

### **Encouraging Health Equity**

Dealing with solutions to remove or change Social Determinants that affect health including:

- Environments where you live
- Social Economic factors
- Access to Care
- Immigration and Migrant issues

### **Minority Outreach & Technical Assistance**

- Raising awareness to minority health and health disparities
- Encouraging minority partnerships and minority participation in health issues and health policies
- Creating sustainable and productive minority involvement

### **How to contact your Local Health Disparities Coalition?**

Contact the Minority Outreach & Technical Assistance (MOTA) program in Washington County in the Brothers Who Care office

**LHDC c/o**

**Brothers Who Care MOTA  
131 W. North Avenue 2<sup>nd</sup> fl.  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
(301) 393-9290**

Complete the form below if you are interested in joining, supporting or partnering with a Local Health Disparities Coalition in your community

Thank you,  
Andy Smith, President  
Brothers Who Care

Your Name or Organization:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, and State & Zip):

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check as many as apply:

- I want to join or attend a meeting for the Local Health Disparities Coalition
- I would like to partner or volunteer with LHDC activities or events held in my community.
- I would like to find out more.

Your Local Health Disparities Coalition partners in annual events like the:

Walnut Street Community Health Center  
Health Fair



Convoy of Hope in Hagerstown



National Night Out in Hagerstown



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