

## Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition Chronic Disease Work Group

Meets once each month at 1701 McCormick Drive, Largo, Maryland.

## **Background**

**Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition (PGHAC)** serves as a community health network and forum for collaboration to advance the state of health care in Prince George's County. This community powered coalition represents over 70 community organizations, health care providers and stakeholders in community health. The **Chronic Disease Work Group** consists of about 12 members and represents roughly 10 various community-based, behavioral health-oriented organizations in Prince George's County.

The Coalition was formed under the leadership of Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD), with County Health Officer Pamela Creekmur serving as Chairwoman, in order to move the county towards reaching its goals as outlined in the <a href="Prince George's County Health Improvement Plan, 2011-2014">Prince George's County Health Improvement Plan, 2011-2014</a>.

## Strategies, Goals and Accomplishments

The Chronic Disease Work Group operates under Priority 2 of the Local Health Action Plan for 2011-2014 in Prince George's County, to "prevent and control chronic disease in Prince George's County, particularly among minorities." As such, the Work Group has selected the following County Outcome Objective to work towards achieving each year:

Reduce deaths from heart disease.

In 2015, the work group's goals are to:

- Increase workgroup membership by recruiting individuals interested in the specific topic of heart disease as this will be our main focus for the upcoming year.
- Support heart disease organizations and add on to their initiatives.