



Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition

Access to Care Work Group

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

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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 **Access to Care Work Group** consists of about 21 members and represents roughly 14 various community-based, 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 [Prince George's County Health Improvement Plan, 2011-2014](#).

Strategies, Goals and Accomplishments

The Access to Care Work Group operates under Priority 1 of the Local Health Action Plan for 2011-2014 in Prince George's County, to "ensure that Prince George's County residents receive the healthcare they need- particularly low-income, uninsured/underinsured adults and children." As such, the Work Group has selected the following County Outcome Objectives to work towards achieving each year:

- (1) Increase the proportion of persons with health insurance; **and**
- (2) Reduce the proportion of individuals who are unable to obtain, or delay obtaining, necessary medical care, dental care or prescription medication by five percent (5%).

In 2014, the work group accomplished significant progress on its goals in the following areas:

- Created a Health Insurance 101 infographic for distribution to the public to increase health literacy for access to health insurance
- Partnered with Prince George's Health Enterprise Zone Community Health Workers to attend and distribute informational materials at two health fairs in the county
- Surveyed MedChi physicians and summarized results into a report

In 2015, the work group's goals are:

- Host 3 forums for providers in the county
- Draft a white paper summarizing the need of PCP and develop an action plan for those providers
- Conduct CRISP ENS training through a forum and webinar