



ALLEGANY COUNTY HEALTH PLANNING COALITION

Healthier Together in Allegany County

January 13, 2026, 1:30-3:00 PM MS Teams

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Welcome!
2. Review November 18, 2025, meeting minutes
3. Presentations:

Western Maryland Food Bank Update

- Amy Moyer, Executive Director

ACHD New Transportation Initiative: Access to Health

- Lisa Beardsley, Program Coordinator

4. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Updates (previously called Local Health Action Plan)

- CHA – Community Health Assessment
- CHIP – Coalition partners encouraged to report outcomes on programs related to the CHIP priorities with us at any meeting, or email Melissa Nething, melissaj.nething@maryland.gov, and Stacey Blank, blanksl@upmc.edu
 - o CHIP update – Melissa Nething

Workgroup has homework around CHIP objectives due next Tue. 1/20 and our next workgroup meeting is on 2/17 @2pm

- Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2025: [Allegany County Health Planning Coalition – Allegany Speaks](#)

Available on AS

- *Get Healthy Allegany County* – Facebook page Feel free to share upcoming events to this page

5. Updates:

- Cancer Committee – Ellie Folk, Director of Cancer & Tobacco Cessation Programs, ACHD
Ellie couldn't be here today and she did not have anything new to report today. She wanted us to offer her contact info. If anyone has any questions/concerns/or cancer related news that they would like to share they can contact her at ellie.folk@maryland.gov or (301) 759-5091.

6. Partner Announcements & Updates

- ACHD is anticipating receiving the HEAL Mobile unit the first week of Feb. We are working to finalize plans to bring it to many areas throughout the county. As soon as the van is here, we will share the official locations and dates with this group. Please help us spread the word that it is arriving very soon!
- I will forward this Maryland Department of Health information about the RHTP to our mailing list following the meeting, but wanted to share it with you now.

Maryland was pleased to receive a Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Notice of Award on December 29, 2025. We are now in discussions with CMS regarding approved activities and adjusted budget details. For more information about Maryland's award, please visit the [Maryland Rural Health Transformation Program webpage](#).

Your input and perspective was critical to our ability to represent the needs of our rural communities in our application for the RHTP. As we move forward, we are eager to continue gathering and incorporating your feedback. To help support this, we are creating a Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Committee, made up of volunteer members representing rural Maryland. This group will offer input and advice as the Department implements the program. [Additional information, including the application to serve on the Committee, is available here.](#)

Organizations seeking funding through RHTP will not receive any extra benefits from participation on the Committee.

Competitive grant opportunities will be posted on the [Maryland Rural Health Transformation Program webpage](#), when available.

We look forward to continuing to work together to improve the health of the rural communities across our state.

7. Next Meeting: **March 10, 2026 @ 1:30pm**

If you would like to present at one of our meetings or have suggestions please email Stacey or I.