

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/21/2011
Reference No.: CR-027-2011
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Turner, Harrison, Franklin
Sponsor(s): Turner, Harrison, Franklin, Toles, Olson, Johnson, Lehman, Patterson
Item Title: A Resolution for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for establishing a Health Care Improvement Plan which assesses Health and Healthcare in Prince George's County and promotes access to quality healthcare for the residents of the County, including a long-term solution to the County healthcare system.

Drafter: Sandra Eubanks, Committee Director
Resource Personnel: Dr. Donald Shell, Health Officer

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	4/5/2011 - HEHS	Effective Date:
Committee Action:	6/2/2011 - FAV	
Date Introduced:	4/5/2011	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	6/21/2011 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	WC:A, MRF:A, AH:-, LJ:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Education and Human Services

Date 6/2/2011

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable: 4-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Harrison, Lehman, Franklin, and Turner)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-27-2011 establishes a Health Care Improvement Plan which directs the Health Officer to present a "Blue Print" to improving access to Health care; promoting continuous and affordable access to health care for all Prince Georgians. The County's Improvement Plans correlates with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) which allows for local input.

Discussion focused on partnership opportunities around a County-level Health Improvement Plan; to include Maryland School of Public Health, University of Maryland Medical System, Dimensions Healthcare System, etc., that addresses improving the health of county residents. An example could be establishing an academic partnership utilizing Capstone students as one of the academic partners. A planning meeting is currently being scheduled with Dean Gold at the University of Maryland. The Health Officer indicated that currently there is a partnership with Howard University Dental Clinic.

The Health Officer further indicated that the focus should also include Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs) expansions which can be achieved within 4-5 months as oppose to a full new application. In addition, the focus should include increasing the number of private practices in an effort to keep the revenue within the County since a high proportion of insured residents seek healthcare service out-of-the County.

The Committee members expressed concern that the Senior Planner position at the Health Department is vacant and what impact will it have on the delivery of the Health Care Improvement Plan. The Health Officer was invited back in July for an update on the outreach efforts to fill the position and the status of the Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
