

Healthy Howard Advisory Group

The efforts and successes of the Healthy Howard Initiative are dependent not only on the continued creativity, vision, and support of our County leaders, but also through the support and contribution of community groups, members, and partners alike.

Purpose of the Advisory Group

To build a model public health community, community members themselves must be engaged with the ideas and the process from initial stages along with the groups who present the goals. The makeup of the Healthy Howard advisory group includes interested professionals, residents and workers within Howard County who are committed to the initiative's goals and will work with the Healthy Howard Coordinator from the Health Department to contribute ideas and help develop potential programs and outreach mechanisms to engage different sectors of the community.

- **Vision: To build a model public health community in Howard County**
 - *This is the major purpose of the Healthy Howard Initiative and we felt it was important to emphasize.*

- **Mission: To lead with Howard County officials in developing, implementing, promoting, and sustaining the Healthy Howard Initiative.**
 - *The function of this advisory group is to do everything mentioned above. Community representation and ideas are crucial to giving Healthy Howard momentum and "staying power" for years down the road.*

Joining the Group

The group may range between 10-20 interested people. Currently, 14 Howard County residents participate in this group. It is completely voluntary and meetings are held during after work hours, every other month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like more information on Healthy

Howard, please contact Sam O'Neil at 410.313.6295 or soneil@howardcountymd.gov

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