Climate Change in Maryland: Education, Outreach and Communication

January 18, 2017
ECO Workgroup - MCCC
11:00 – 12:00
GOALS FOR TODAY

- Review new Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Climate Change Project
- Briefly summarize climate and health in Maryland
- Summarize what DHMH is currently involved with
- Open the door to collaboration and outreach opportunities
- Discuss possible next steps for DHMH and the ECO workgroup
• DHMH goal – increase community resilience to climate change
• Many (or most) community concerns discussed probably NOT about climate change, BUT
• As communities address concerns about many environmental health problems, it will help Maryland to adapt to climate change
• We are just starting to move into engagement
Amir Sapkota

MARYLAND HEALTH, COMMUNITIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Asthma Hospitalization Rate by County

Age-Adjusted ED Rate per 10,000
- 25.6 - 28.4
- 28.5 - 50.2
- 50.3 - 74.9
- 75.0 - 133.5
- 133.6 - 216.0
Percent Minority Population by Census Tract

% Minorities

- 0.9 - 14.1
- 14.1 - 29.9
- 29.9 - 54.5
- 54.5 - 86.6
- 86.6 - 100.0

The map shows the percentage of minority population by census tract across various counties in Maryland. Different shades indicate the percentage range of minoritites, with darker shades representing higher percentages.
BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN MARYLAND: A STAKEHOLDER FORUM

December 9, 2016
University of Maryland, College Park
GOALS FOR CY2017

• Get into the communities
• Identify health effects of concern to the communities
• Formalize the Technical Advisory Group and Public Health Advisory Group
• Finalize training for Healthy Homes
• Host training for Extension Educators with MD Extension
• Continue to explore collaboration and outreach synergies across public, private and government agencies
NEXT STEPS

• Planning on further engagement and outreach throughout the State, with emphasis on vulnerable communities/populations
• Inventory of public health interventions/adaptations across the State
• Technical assistance, other aids for local efforts
ECO WORKGROUP FEEDBACK
Thank you.

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