

Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome New Staff!

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Please support them in their new roles

Important Notice

Check out our website: www.gbms.org

Get news, patient education materials, useful info and more by logging on. In the coming months there will be some major updates to the site. Also, the plan is to post news and other company information via the web .

Babies Born Healthy Outreach

Pregnancies, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and where to turn for health care services are very real issues facing our teens, and the county as a whole. Greater Baden Medical Services Inc., a Non-Profit Federally Qualified community health center with five locations in the county, has partnered with Prince George's County schools to get out the facts on these important topics.

The genesis of this program started from Greater Baden's participation with the Babies Born Healthy initiative. The program has sought to reduce Maryland's infant mortality rate, which remains significantly higher than the national average, and a key component of addressing this issue is informing and motivating young women of child bearing age. Since commencing the program in August 2008, Greater Baden has performed 1622 well woman exams to improve the health of women of child-bearing age in the County. Some of the other vital activities of the program are healthy eating tips, smoking cessation programs, connections to medical care, job assistance, STD information, as well as resources and outreach events. While a majority of teens today are probably aware of the basic dangers of STDs, fewer know a history of these diseases before pregnancy, infection

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Nanjemoy In the News

Nanjemoy may be a small community, but lately it has been making big headlines. Greater Baden Clinic Nanjemoy Health Services has gotten press in Southern Maryland and beyond thanks to Greater Baden's award of more than \$270,000 of stimulus package funding. In addition to regular coverage in the Southern Maryland Independent, and multiple features in the Washington Post, the clinic and its patients and employees were even featured in national news. To commemorate President Obama's first 100 days in office the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric did a quick spot about stimulus funds keeping the center open in its current location.



Spring All-Staff Recap

The bi-annual event was held Tuesday, May 12 at St. Phillips Church. Back by popular demand was presenter Gary Johnson supported by funding from the three year-HRSA Multi-Cultural Grant.. At the last All-Staff meeting, Mr Johnson led an insightful training on cultural diversity in the workplace, this time around he built on those themes to talk about building diverse teams. Right from the start he shook things up as he encouraged everyone to sit with people they normally didn't work with. In the new "teams" each group came up with elements that are important to fostering good teams. Many GBMS employees

seemed to be on the same page, as things such as "be on time", and "leave the personal stuff at home" were mentioned several times. Each table was asked to make a list of the five things we could all start doing immediately to work better as a team, and those will be compiled and reported back in the future. Mr. Johnson ended his presentation with a new spin on a popular anagram for team:

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Everyone
Always
Matters

Babies Born Healthy Grant Provides Outreach to Teens

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GBMS Partners with Local High Schools

during pregnancy, or infection at delivery can have serious effects on babies that may include stillbirth, low birth weight, infections and a host of other harmful consequences.

School officials contacted Greater Baden about working together to address the issue head on. The initial presentations were made to small groups in teen parenting classes. Quickly, it was realized that at the root of this issue were underlying problems in the community, and to best address the matter the presentations should be expanded to a wider audience. So far, Greater Baden has delivered their message at Duval, Largo, and Dr. Henry Wise High Schools. The results have been encouraging, and the program has really taken off.

For instance, on March 21, presentations were made to approximately 100 students at Largo High School.

Instrumental in putting this together has been Babies Born Healthy case manager Cynthia Duvall and health educator Martha Ramirez. Concerns from patients and recent headlines were encouragement for Ms. Duvall to take the program into the schools, "It is imperative that teens get educated on the health issues that could possibly save their lives. The rising percentage of people infected with HIV in Prince George's County alone is reason enough for everyone to try to do their part". Moreover, the students have been receptive as well; while

these are sensitive topics, they are relevant to what teens are dealing with in their lives. As one student remarked "I will say it really helped me a lot, and will make me think about what I do, I thank you for what you showed us". This information will potentially have impacts much further than the original purpose of addressing infant mortality issues, it could help them live a longer and healthier life, or hopefully at least force them to think safe when making difficult decisions.

Mission Statement: As a community partner, Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. will provide primary health services and facilitate health promotion/disease prevention activities in an efficient, effective, and comprehensive manner for the individuals and communities served, regardless of ability to pay.

Next Dr. Leonhard gave a status report and reiterated while it has been a tough year, the picture is brighter than it could be. Some highlights included a look at the current status of the budget, an overview of programs, and perhaps most interestingly, a detailed look at the floor plans for the new building to serve as an expanded clinic for the Brandywine Community as well as administrative offices

Other highlights of the day included a video about workplace violence, and a presentation by David Luckett, Deputy Director, National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center. Mr Luckett presented on workplace safety and ensuring that GBMS was compliant with OSHA measures, such as infectious material exposure control plans, and quizzed everyone with a game of Jeopardy.