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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Ilana Cohen, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Marcia Pruzan, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Wayne L. Swann, Ashraf Sufi, Shari Targum, Ulder J. Tillman and Bridget Ware

Members Absent: Kathy Ghiladi, Joneigh Khaldun and Rose Marie Martinez

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka and Doreen Kelly

Guests: Nancy G. Greene, ADA Title II Compliance Manager, Montgomery County Department of General Services
Howard University Students: Simon Karanja and Rimmie Ninan

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Dr. Michelle Hawkins made a motion to approve the October 2014 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Ms. Marcia Pruzan seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by voice consent.

3.0 Report of Officers – Ron Bialek, Chair

3.1 Upcoming Meetings – Mr. Bialek announced that the COH's upcoming meeting will be held on December 18, 2014 as voted on and approved during the September 18, 2014 COH meeting. The first meeting of the next calendar year will be held on January 15, 2015.

3.2 Retreat Evaluation Update – Jeanine Gould-Kostka, staff to the COH, sent the results of the Survey Monkey survey to the COH electronically on November 12, 2014. The majority of respondents felt the retreat was effective in helping the work groups create their work plans for the year. Mr. Bialek reminded the COH of the importance of completing the survey to help the next Retreat Planning Committee to prepare for the next retreat in 2015.

4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Ulder J. Tillman, M.D., MPH, County Health Officer

Dr. Tillman announced the PHS Chief's Report for October 2014 was sent out today in electronic mail. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Tillman discussed the following issues: FluMist; Ebola preparedness and monitoring efforts; the American Public Health Association meetings she attended; how money for chronic disease efforts has been used on the Ebola preparedness efforts; electronic health records update; and how COH members can [share facts](#) about Ebola.

5.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair

5.1 County Council Report – Ms. Linda McMillan discussed the following: December 1, 2014 will be the Inaugural Ceremony for the newly elected Council members and the County Executive; the HHS Committee membership will include George Leventhal (chair), Roger Berliner and Craig Rice; a bill will be introduced regarding reauthorization of the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board when its term expires in June 2015; and legislation will be introduced next week to regulate the use of eCigarettes. The COH was encouraged to write a recommendation letter to the Council for consideration.

5.2 MCPS Report – Ms. Marla Caplon discussed the following: how MCPS menu and snack items are compliant with USDA regulations; the new Division of Food and Nutrition Services building will be soon be ready for occupants; the new facility will allow for raw meats and poultry as well as fresh fruits and vegetables; and the Wellness Committee will reconvene with an opportunity for principals, students, parents and the Board of Education to become involved.

5.3 Staff Report – Ms. Gould-Kostka discussed the following: work groups wishing to book a speaker for an upcoming COH meeting should contact Ms. Gould-Kostka; and the COH membership was reminded that they should RSVP for the December 18th meeting as soon as possible in order to confirm quorum prior to the meeting date.

6.0 Project Civic Access – Ron Bialek, Chair

Mr. Bialek introduced Ms. Nancy G. Greene, ADA Title II Compliance Manager, Montgomery County Department of General Services. Ms. Greene was invited to update the COH on the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement as well as discussing issues raised in the joint fact-finding letters sent by the COH and the Commission on People with Disabilities in October. The COH had received a copy of the PHS response to the fact-finding letter on November 19, 2014.

Ms. Greene discussed her role within Montgomery County Government and how she handles Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues, whether there are complaints or the need for technical assessment.

Ms. Greene next discussed the Department of Justice and the [Project Civic Access](#). Montgomery County participated in the project and reached a [settlement](#) with the Department of Justice in 2011.

A list of links to Project Civic Access information and resources on disability and health care issues was shared with the COH. A copy of the article “[A Simple Case of Chest Pain; Sensitizing Doctors to Patients with Disabilities](#)” was also distributed.

Discussion followed: access to Montgomery County buildings including the Rockville Library; the ADA after twenty years and how buildings are still in need of renovations; the three barriers to health care being communication, HIV/AIDS discrimination and physical access to facilities; the new [proposed accessibility standards](#) for medical and diagnostic equipment that are under development by

the U.S. Access Board and the Food and Drug Administration; the [ADA barriers fact sheet](#); and language interpreters for DHHS clients.

Discussion followed related to questions from COH members; [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act](#) and the use of interpreters; the collection of health disparities data and the Affordable Care Act; County ADA training is not currently mandated, however an online version may be available in the near future making the course easier to receive; whether advanced notice for services is required and the scheduling of bus services and sign language interpreters; how some services (Crisis Center) have access to mobile devices that allow for 24/7 interpreter services; how clinics that are not fully accessible might be able to accommodate clients with special needs at other clinics in the area; how the ADA applies to non-profit organizations as well as the County Government; every County contract states that the contractor will be ADA compliant; the possibility of setting up an informal visit from the Compliance Manager with the Montgomery Cares clinics; exceptions to ADA compliance in some areas if financial hardship can be proven; and Montgomery County may have joint responsibility for ADA compliance if funding is provided to inaccessible facilities.

Mr. Bialek thanked Ms. Greene for her presentation and her willingness to answer questions in the future.

7.0 Work Group Session – Ron Bialek, Chair

Mr. Bialek asked the work groups to meet for twenty minutes to further their progress on their work plans. The Oral Health Work Group met in the Green Meeting Room while the Data Needs and Public Health Accreditation Work Groups met in the Tan Meeting Room.

7.1 Public Health Accreditation Work Group Report – Mr. Mitchell Berger reported that the work group would like to invite Dr. Brookmyer from Frederick County to a future COH meeting. She spoke to the COH last year about public health accreditation and perhaps can provide an update in person or by phone of where the department is now in the process.

Robin Wilson who is listed as the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) Accreditation Coordinator might be another guest speaker. From Ms. Wilson or a colleague we provide information on how the FCHD obtained approval to implement accreditation, their process, how they are funding their efforts and lessons learned.

A speaker could be invited from a large jurisdiction that has completed the accreditation process or is nearly finished but not yet listed on the [Public Health Accreditation Board's website](#). This would provide us with the perspective of a department that has completed or mostly completed the process while FCHD and Frederick County still appear to be in the earlier stages.

7.2 Data Needs Work Group Report – Dr. Graciela Jaschek reported that the work group is determining next steps to further the work plan and specific areas to focus on for the year.

7.3 Oral Health Work Group Report – Ms. Tonya Saffer reported that the group would like to invite a speaker from the Oral Health Dental Society. They would like to send a letter to Jean Hochron, Senior Administrator, Health Care for the Uninsured, to follow up with data questions as well as questions related to oral health and the MCPS' student population.

8.0 New Business/Unfinished Business

Mr. Wayne Swann mentioned the Mental Health in Our Communities II workshop offered by the Asian American Health Initiative and the African American Health Program on November 4, 2014 was a very productive workshop. The workshop focused on cultural competency and the mental health supportive programs offered by Montgomery County.

9.0 Adjournment

Dr. Alan Kaplan made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:06 p.m. Dr. Shari Targum seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Gould-Kostka
Staff to Commission on Health

Public Health Services Chief's Report October 2014

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

- School Health Services staff administered 1,868 doses of FluMist seasonal flu vaccine to school aged children at three high school flu vaccine clinics on October 31st. This was a 28% increase in total doses administered over the previous year. SHS staff received an update on PHS Emergency Preparedness plans and followed the Points of Dispensing (PODs) model for the clinics.

HOT SPOTS

- The Disease Control program actively monitored 7 travelers for temperatures and signs of Ebola, daily for 21 days. One traveler necessitated PPE during the initial home visit. CD&E Disease Control and PHEPR Program Administrators have been providing information to Senior Leadership in the County, as well as HHS, related to Ebola and how to handle potential cases.
- The Health Care for the Homeless program now has two vacancies out of three positions. Effective November 1st, the contract nurse will split her time between providing support for clients enrolled in the Housing Initiative Program (HIP) program and monitoring hospital discharges into the shelters and other housing arrangements.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Licensing & Regulatory

- Wheaton Coalition (Rabid Rats) - meeting with community to discuss code enforcement results of the sweeps conducted recently by Housing, Police, DEP and DPS. HHS, DEP, DPS, Housing, Police, and MC 311 also informed public of each department's code enforcement role in Spanish. Housing, HHS, DEP, Police and DPS had a second meeting with the three neighborhood liaisons that form the coalition. Second meeting was run by the Director of Housing. Coalition wanted more sweeps to be performed, for the county to continue code enforcement in the neighborhoods and requested a written agreement with the county regarding this process. The code enforcement agencies agreed they would perform another sweep in the spring but would announce to community prior to commencing.
- Code Enforcement Cluster Meeting - the CE office is inquiring feedback from the code enforcement agencies for what is working, what changes need to be made, any positive outcomes and basically how to make processes more friendly for citizens. Major topics had to do with positives and negatives of MC 311, education of citizens with County Codes, collaboration between departments, overlap of enforcement between departments, and workload in relation to positions. There are two more meetings currently scheduled: November 12th at 11:30 AM and November 17th at 4:00 PM.
- First draft of proposed Human Trafficking Reflexology/Acupressure licensing regulations expected by Nov. 25, 2014.

Disease Control

- The program nurse administrator continued to lead the Pertussis investigation which included 8 cases in October, 25 cases in September, and 10 cases in August, i.e. 43 total cases.
- Program staff conducted 69 case investigations including MERSCoV, malaria, mumps, meningitis, and Hep A. There were 17 Rabies investigations.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR)

- PHEPR and School Health Services (SHS) partnered together to operate 3 school-based flu clinics along the model of an emergency Incident Command System (ICS) structure. As part of the drill, emergency notification of employees and other processes were assessed for quality and efficiency. More than 1800 students were vaccinated with FluMist over the 3 clinics. PHEPR would like to especially thank School Health Services for consistently embracing emergency preparedness and response in how they manage these clinics every year. This practice will prove invaluable if Montgomery County is faced with a significant public health emergency.
- PHEPR has been actively engaged in the preparedness efforts for Ebola. The activities in preparing for this potential hazard have been diverse and highly collaborative with other departments, programs throughout HHS, the hospitals and other response partners. In addition to the significant planning efforts, efforts are underway to educate the public, dispel rumors and ensure that discrimination associated with fear is averted.
- PHEPR is working with emergency response partners both in Montgomery and Prince George's counties to identify gaps in preparedness and propose projects to fill those gaps. This year, PHEPR has worked with Aging & Disability and the Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (OEMHS) to identify resource gaps in

our county emergency shelter planning, particularly in ensuring access and functional needs are addressed.

HIV/STD

- HIV Services underwent an extensive audit of our core services by our Ryan White Part A funder from October 6 – October 8. While there are a couple of minor adjustments to be made to our records, the auditors gave a very positive review of the program.

TB Control and Refugee Health

- TB Control: 48 active cases reported for calendar year 2014 to date; last calendar year, there were 52 active cases.

Immunizations

- In partnership with the University of Maryland System provided a community based flu clinic at the Shady Grove Campus in Rockville. UMD provided the facility and a staff of over 100 students and instructors. DHHS provided the vaccine and administration supplies. This was the first mass vaccination clinic in Montgomery County with 5th year Pharmacy Students as vaccinators. 840 doses of flu vaccine were administered.
- The Immunization Program successfully completed a Maryland Vaccine for Children (VFC) Compliance Site Visit which included inspections of 12 vaccine refrigerators at DAHC.
- The Immunization Program in partnership with SHS provided logistics and support for the 10/31/14 high school Flumist Clinics.

Oral Health

- The electronic dental record was launched on October 21, 2014. Aside from initial complications regarding connectivity and a continuing learning curve, the early implementation has been a success.

Maternity Partnership

- With the opening of Holy Cross Germantown Hospital on October 1, 2014, Maternity Partnership patients now have a fourth location at which to access pre-natal care.

Montgomery Cares Program

- The Montgomery Cares Advisory Board is in the process of preparing its recommendations to the County Executive and the County Council regarding reauthorization of the Board when its term expires in June 2015.

Care for Kids

- Care for Kids enrollment continues to surge, due in large part to the arrival of undocumented children from Central America. After just three months, the enrollment for FY15 is already exceeding 90% of the enrollment for all of FY14. We are monitoring the impact of this increase on program capacity.

Commission on Health

- The COH welcomed two newly confirmed members to the membership this fall - Bridget Ware and Ilana Cohen. The COH annual retreat was held at Ingleside at King Farm on October 16, 2014. Allison Roper, Public Health Advisor, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, USDHHS gave a presentation during the retreat entitled "Healthy People 2020: Oral Health as a Critical Focus." Jean Hochron, Senior Administrator, Health Care for the Uninsured, presented at

the retreat on Public Health Services Dental Programs within DHHS. The COH's three areas of focus for FY15 are public health accreditation, data needs and oral health.

Planning and Epidemiology

- The Healthy Montgomery (HM) Data Project Team convened its final meeting on October 23, 2014 to wrap up its 15-month process to refresh data sources and metrics for Healthy Montgomery. While the team has completed the objectives outlined by the Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee, two subgroups are working to finalize two pending deliverables related to the HM core measures set development: 1) to finalize a presentation in conjunction with the Evaluation Committee: Healthy Montgomery Data Orientation and 2) to establish geocoded definition sets to delineate the boundaries to form community profiles based on the HM Core measures set, which MCDHHS will use to publish local results. The HM Data Project Team is poised to offer feedback to the Healthy Montgomery Needs Assessment when drafted and is available to provide technical assistance to the HM Evaluation Committee as needed.

Program: Montgomery Cares	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
Patients	4,963	4,907	5,171	4,753	4,870
YTD Patients	27,072	28,270	5,171	8,531	11,276
Encounters	6,066	5,804	6,268	5,587	5,930
YTD Encounters	70,318	76,122	6,268	11,855	17,785
Program: MC Homeless Health	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
Patients	12	10	13	18	
YTD Patients	256	266	13	31	
Encounters	23	12	17	23	
YTD Encounters	374	386	17	40	
Program: Maternity Partnerships	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS			163	132	150
YTD Patients			163	295	445
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals			146	140	109
YTD Patients			146	286	395
Number of teens enrolled			7	11	7
YTD teen enrollment			7	18	25
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD			43%	39%	45%

Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD			63	54	49
Number of patients enrolled YTD			63	117	166
Fetal losses			0	1	0
YTD fetal losses			0	1	1
Program: Dental Health	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
Maternity:					
New patients			113	72	50
YTD patients			113	185	235
Encounters			130	122	102
YTD Encounters			130	252	354
Children:					
New patients			209	156	144
YTD patients			209	365	509
Encounters			240	246	229
YTD Encounters			240	486	715
Adults:					
New patients			138	118	113
YTD patients			138	256	369
Encounters			231	235	221
YTD Encounters			231	436	657
Seniors:					
New patients			164	112	96
YTD patients			164	272	368
Encounters			168	187	181
YTD Encounters			168	355	536
TOTAL:					
New patients			624	458	403
YTD patients			624	1,078	1481
Encounters			769	790	733
YTD Encounters			769	1,529	2262