

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2014

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Ron Bialek, Mitchell Berger, Brenda Brooks, Tara Clemons, Kathy Ghiladi, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Sheela Modin, Marcia Pruzan, Daniel Russ, Ashraf Sufi, Wayne L. Swann and Shari Targum

Members Absent: Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Tonya Saffer and Ulder J. Tillman

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka, Doreen Kelly and Helen Lettlow

Guests Present: Kirsten Barnes (USUHS)

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Kathy Ghiladi made a motion to approve the March 2014 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Dr. Michelle Hawkins 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 upcoming meetings will be held on May 15, 2014 and June 19, 2014. The COH officer elections will be held during the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**3.2 Retreat Planning Committee** – Mr. Bialek discussed the FY15 COH retreat, which will be held on October 16, 2014. The COH establishes a Retreat Planning Committee each year to determine the focus of the retreat as well as to set the agenda. Mr. Bialek asked for volunteers to serve and Mr. Mitchell Berger and Dr. Michelle Hawkins offered to serve on this important committee.

Dr. Alan Kaplan will look into a potential site for the retreat at Ingleside. Ms. Marla Caplon will look for availabilities within the Montgomery County Public School system.

**3.3 Annual Reports** – Mr. Bialek asked that all liaisons and COH workgroups prepare their annual reports and send them to COH staff Jeanine Gould-Kostka no later than Monday, July 14, 2014. Links to the FY12 and FY13 COH annual reports will be sent to the membership in an electronic newsletter as a reference.

**3.4 Montgomery Cares Letter of Support** – Mr. Bialek shared a proposed letter of support for the Montgomery Cares program asking for additional funding in FY15 electronically on April 22, 2014. The letter of support would be sent to the County Council for their consideration. The letter is consistent with previous letters of support the COH has approved and Mr. Bialek asked the COH to consider approving the document.

Discussion followed: the number of uninsured in Montgomery County versus current enrollment in Montgomery Cares; and how the COH can support the letter with the proposed statistics.

**MOTION:** Dr. Shari Targum made a motion to send a letter of support from the Commission to the Council for the FY15 funding requests for the Montgomery Cares program, as proposed by the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Doreen Kelly, Administrator, Public Health Services**

Ms. Kelly announced the PHS Chief's Report for March 2014 was sent out in the COH electronic mail for review on April 16, 2014. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Ms. Kelly discussed the following issues: DHMH announced it is increasing the Administrative Care Coordination Unit (ACCU) Grant for FY15 from \$705,000 to \$835,000, an 18% increase; a Food Recovery Project Coordinator has been selected. The Coordinator responsibilities will be performed by Full Plate Ventures in collaboration with Manna. Manna will also serve as the fiscal fiduciary; Montgomery Cares enrollments are down a bit this year while Care For Kids enrollment is up significantly; the Montgomery County Dental Program and the County Cancer Crusade program are submitting a joint grant proposal to the DHMH Office of Oral Health to expand direct dental services to vulnerable populations at the Piccard Drive Dental Clinic, and to create a pilot program on Injury Prevention for children engaged in contact sports; Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response conducted a full-scale POD (point of dispensing) exercise in March testing the High School POD plans; and TB Control conducted a large TB contact investigation at an MCPS high school this month. Over 100 students and staff were tested for TB using the Quantiferon blood test.

Dr. Helen Lettlow mentioned that the ACA navigator renewal process for the second year of funding is underway. The next open enrollment period will begin on November 15, 2014.

Discussion followed on the following: why the enrollment period is shorter than the original period this year; and [Prevention Health and Health Services \(PHHS\) block grants](#) will go to the states and then go to the local health departments.

#### **5.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair**

**5.1 MCPS Report** – Ms. Marla Caplon announced that additional funding has been acquired through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for MCPS to be able to provide breakfasts to an additional 22 MCPS schools beginning on May 1, 2014. The funding will then continue into the next school year through the [Meals for Achievement](#) program. This will bring the total number of schools serving breakfast to every student in the school to 74.

MCPS Food and Nutrition Services will be moving from their Crabbs Branch Way location to a new green building on Snouffer School Road. The new location has a football field sized garden that will be used to contribute to the meals programs as well as be used for culinary, environmental and educational needs within the County. The green roof could be used to grow herbs in the future and the new site will allow for more fresh food preparation.

Discussion followed: how the additional schools were selected to take part in the Meals for Achievement program; SSL credits will be offered to students who volunteer to work in the garden; and how exciting the move is for the future of nutritional offerings to MCPS students.

**5.2 Staff Report** – Ms. Gould-Kostka discussed: the Empowering Community Health Organizations (E.C.H.O.) Workshop set for May 21, 2014 entitled “Mental Health in Our Communities”; the vacancy announcement for the COH has not gone out but members will be updated once it has; and the Nominating Committee will hold COH officer elections during the June COH meeting.

## **6.0 Workgroup Session – Ron Bialek, Chair**

The workgroups met from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. to discuss developing action steps and possible recommendations.

## **7.0 COH Workgroup Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair**

Mr. Bialek asked each workgroup to present their recommendations and indicate the next steps identified in order to complete their work.

**7.1 Accreditation Workgroup Recommendations** – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun discussed the workgroup’s recommendations:

1. A letter will be drafted by the workgroup seeking County Council approval of funding and moving forward with planning for the accreditation process.
2. The letter would also seek for the allocation of a full-time employee to work on accreditation.

Discussion followed: how long the accreditation process would take; the pre-requisites needed prior to beginning the accreditation process; the importance of crafting a letter in order to be helpful and supportive of DHHS/PHS efforts; the letter will be drafted by the workgroup and sent to the COH prior to an upcoming COH meeting for consideration and approval.

**7.2 Food Security and Nutrition Workgroup Recommendations** – Dr. Shari Targum said the workgroup feels there is a need for additional data on low-income elderly in the County. At this time the workgroup recommends:

1. A request to the Commission on Aging seeking additional data collection on the issue of food insecurity in the senior population.
2. The workgroup will seek additional information from DHHS related to services provided and try to determine if gaps or overlap with non-profits exist.

Discussion followed: how to measure food security in the adult population; FARMS tracking includes families but not necessarily the senior population; who receives Thanksgiving dinners and are the data available; it is possible that large numbers of immigrants do not come forward for services due to lack of information about available food programs and/or fear of deportation; the Food Recovery Project will combine information on food pantries in the County; Ms. Caplon will contact Manna Foods to determine if they are tracking non-profit food distribution efforts; [Community Action Agency](#) offers a survey that give a picture of poverty in Montgomery County; however it is not immediately obvious where the workgroup should look next to gather information; and Manna might be a good referral.

**7.3 Surveillance Workgroup Recommendations** – Mr. Wayne Swann presented the workgroup’s recommendations:

1. Request additional funding for behavioral health access and treatment through the Montgomery Cares Program.
2. Request additional funding for dental health access and treatment through the Montgomery Cares Program.
3. Recommend that Montgomery County advocates for State of Maryland legislation to increase Maryland cigarette taxes.
4. Recommend that Montgomery County advocates for State of Maryland legislation to increase the age a person can purchase cigarettes from age 18 to 21.

Discussion followed: there is an effort underway in the County to collect signatures on a petition seeking an increase in cigarette taxes; how the workgroup’s recommendations build on efforts the COH worked on in FY12 and FY13 and are largely focused on access to care and tobacco issues; and the workgroup will draft a letter to present to the COH for consideration and approval.

## 8.0 New Business/Unfinished Business

No new business and no unfinished business to report.

## 9.0 Adjournment

Dr. Ashraf Sufi made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:52 p.m. Dr. 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 March 2014

### SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

#### Community Health Services - Administrative Care Coordination Unit (ACCU)

DHMH announced it is increasing the ACCU Grant for FY15 from \$705,000 to \$835,000, an 18% increase. This is the first increase in funds since the inception of the program in 1997. The DHMH Office of Care Coordination reports that as a result of the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, the HealthChoice Program now has over 1,000,000 enrollees in the state of Maryland. As a result of the increase in enrollment in Montgomery County, the base award was increased. The ACCU staff provides care coordination services including health education, linkage and assistance for clients with Medicaid, particularly pregnant women, children and adults with special needs, to understand and access their health care services within their Managed Care Organization. DHMH is encouraging an expansion of the ACCU's capacity to contact Medicaid beneficiaries face to face in the community, using professionals and para-professionals with these increased funds.

### HOT SPOTS

#### Montgomery Cares

Utilization of Montgomery Cares patient visits is falling behind for FY14 for several reasons, including the winter weather, the impact of the conversion to an electronic health record, and staff turn-over at select Montgomery Cares clinics. We will be closely tracking utilization over the next few months to determine the potential impact on year-end numbers.

YTD data for FY 2014 (July 2013 – February 2014):

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|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| ○ Non-homeless patients   | 23,213 | (72% of budget target) |
| ○ Non-homeless encounters | 52,168 | (61% of budget target) |
| ○ Homeless patients       | 226    | (57% of budget target) |
| ○ Homeless encounters     | 319    | (35% of budget target) |

### UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

**Licensing and Regulatory Services**

- Last week was the first meeting of Maryland, District and Virginia Environmental Health Directors to address common challenges such as Mobile Food Units.
- L&R has met with Holly Hall Senior Center staff, HHS Senior Nutrition program staff and WSSC regarding changes in the food serving process with the HHS Senior Nutrition program. The WSSC has strict requirements related to grease disposal, which could result in the need for costly kitchen renovations. Discussions were held to work out a solution.
- A Food Recovery Project Coordinator has been selected. The Coordinator responsibilities will be performed by Full Plate Ventures in collaboration with Manna. Manna will also serve as the fiscal fiduciary.
- L&R has been meeting with DPS and Police to revise County Code to make it more difficult to operate an illicit massage establishment. Draft language is with the county attorney.

**Care for Kids**

Based on year-to-date data, we are anticipating that year-end utilization levels in Care for Kids may reach 3,070 children, a significant increase from the 2770 children seen in FY13.

**Maternity Partnership Program**

	<u>February</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Number of patients referred to contracting hospitals by DHHS clinics	133	1,115
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	136	1,091
Number of teens enrolled	13	49
Percent entry during first trimester	51%	48%
Fetal losses	1	15

Based on the year-to-date utilization and past historical trends, we are anticipating that year-end enrollment levels in Maternity Partnership may reach over 1670 women, similar to last year’s total.

**Reproductive Health**

	<u>February 2014</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Mary’s Center	60 patients	312 patients
Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington	81 patients	763 patients
TAYA	<u>48 patients</u>	<u>1,129 patients</u>
TOTAL	189 patients	2,204patients

**Oral Health**

The Montgomery County Dental Program and the County Cancer Crusade program are submitting a joint grant proposal to the DHMH Office of Oral Health to expand direct dental services to vulnerable populations at the Piccard Drive Dental Clinic, and to create a pilot program on Injury Prevention for children engaged in contact sports. The Cancer Crusade is joining with the Dental Program for this Grant application to request continuation of funds for Oral Cancer screenings and follow-up.

	<u># New Dental Patients</u>		<u># Visits/Encounters</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Maternity:	43 patients	558 patients	104 visits	1,237 visits
Children:	93 patients	995 patients	192 visits	1,784 visits
Adults:	109 patients	1,075 patients	229 visits	1,933 visits
Seniors:	41 patients	506 patients	120 visits	966 visits

**TOTAL: 286 patients 3,134 patients 645 visits 5,920 visits**

**Disease Control**

Disease Control staff worked with the Quarantine station at Dulles related to a case of Neisseria meningitis in someone who flew from Dulles to Houston and back. The contact investigation determined that no one on the plane to and from Houston needed prophylaxis.

Suspect botulism case was admitted to a local hospital with diagnosis of botulism. The individual was transferred to Georgetown for higher level of neurological care and diagnosis. Once worked up, the suspect botulism diagnosis was ruled out, anti-toxin not needed. Diagnosis is leaning toward a suspect Miller-Fisher variant (reverse Guillain Barre Syndrome). Case is improving, extubated and still in hospital. No further involvement by Public Health is expected.

MARCH 2014							
Animal Bites	#		Case Investigations	#		Oubreak Investigations	#
Counseled	19 CLIENTS		Foodborne	14		Conjunctivitis	3
Distributed Rabies Biologics	6 CLIENTS 19 DOSES		Hep A, B, C, E	5		Foodborne	1
			Legionella	4		Influenza	1
			Pertussis	5			
			Vectorborne	4			

**Emergency Preparedness and Response:**

PHEPR conducted a full-scale POD (point of dispensing) exercise in March testing the High School POD plans. POD workers and drive-through and walk-up “volunteers” were from many County agencies as well as the general community. There were over 100 people involved. It was a rainy day, so we really tested our plans in poor conditions. Partners in this exercise were Police, Fire, Libraries, DGS, HHS, Facilities, MCPS and more.

**TB Control Program**

TB Control conducted a large TB contact investigation at an MCPS high school this month. Over 100 students and staff were tested for TB using the Quantiferon blood test. Results should be available in approximately 3 weeks and will be sent via mail to the homes of those tested. Staff from other DAHC programs worked with TB Control staff to assist with drawing blood.

**School Health Services** (SHS) held its annual School Health Room Technician Training and Recognition event at Bohrer Park on March 28, 2013. The event was well attended by more than 200 SHS staff and included a special guest speaker, Barbara Talley. Ms. Talley gave an informative lecture on “Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace.” She has written several books and lectures for OHR on interpersonal communication, diversity, team building, time management and leadership.

**Immunization Program**

Silver Spring and Germantown Health Centers have received final clearance for immunization fee collection. Fee collection will begin April 9th in both centers. It is already underway at Dennis Avenue.

VFC VACCINES	DAHC	CLINICS	MARCH 2014	FEE	BILLING	SUMMARY	MAR 3/3 - 3/31/2014	0	0
# Vaccines Administered	# Clients served	# Clients eligible for waived fee	# Clients eligible for reduced fee	# Clients paying by:			Total \$ fees collected	# Clients MA billed	Total \$ MA billed
				Cash	Check	Credit Card			

317 VACCINES.....DAHC CLINICS.....MARCH 2014.....FEE/BILLING SUMMARY 3/3 – 3/31/2014									
# Vaccines Administered	# Clients served	# Clients eligible for waived fee	# Clients eligible for reduced fee	# Clients paying by:			Total \$ fees collected	# Clients MA billed	Total \$ MA billed
				Cash	Check	Credit Card			
30	21	6	3	6	0	9	\$504	0	0