

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2014

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Tara Clemons, Kathy Ghiladi, Michelle Hawkins, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Marcia Pruzan, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Wayne L. Swann, Shari Targum

Members Absent: Mitchell Berger, Graciela Jaschek, Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Ashraf Sufi and Ulder J. Tillman

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka and Mark Hodge, Sr. Administrator for Public Health Policy, Accreditation, and Legislation

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

Mr. Wayne Swann made a motion to approve the May 2014 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Dr. Sheela Modin 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 July 17, 2014 and September 18, 2014. The COH annual retreat will be held on October 16, 2014.

3.2 Membership Committee – Mr. Bialek asked COH staff, Jeanine Gould-Kostka, to give a brief update on the timeline for the committee. Applicant interviews are scheduled for next week.

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 have been sent to the membership in an electronic newsletter as a reference.

3.4 Quarterly Meeting with DHHS Director Ahluwalia – Mr. Bialek discussed the upcoming meeting with DHHS Director Uma Ahluwalia on June 23, 2014. Mr. Bialek and Vice Chair Dan Russ will not be able to attend the meeting but an update of activities since the last meeting in December was sent to the Director.

3.5 Legislative Priorities Form – Mr. Bialek mentioned that DHHS Legislative Officer Pat Brennan shared the Office of Intergovernmental Relations' legislative information form with the COH several years ago. The template will be shared with the COH electronically this week in order for responses to be completed by next week.

Discussion followed: cigarette taxes increases and reduction in youth smoking rates; universal pre-Kindergarten; navigators discuss insurance options but not programs available at the County level; and bi-County agencies.

4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Mark Hodge, Sr. Administrator for Public Health Policy, Accreditation, and Legislation

Mr. Hodge announced the PHS Chief's Report for May 2014 was sent out in the COH electronic mail. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Hodge discussed the following issues: licensing of pools in May; automated external defibrillator (AED) registration; electronic health records within PHS; due to budget cuts Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encouraged local health departments to bill for services; and DHMH mandated that local health departments charge in immunization and STD clinics.

Discussion on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) followed: a new registration system should be in place in time for the next open enrollment period; Maryland decided not to use the Federal registration system; and it is not clear if Spanish language registration will be available online by November.

Discussion on public health accreditation followed: Mr. Hodge, the accreditation coordinator for PHS, is working with Healthy Montgomery staff to better understand documentation needs for accreditation; an updated community health assessment (CHA) is needed for accreditation and a new CHA should begin later this year although funding issues still exist; the DHHS is currently working on finishing a 3-year strategic plan, which will be shared broadly once finalized; PHS hopes to apply for public health accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) by spring 2015; currently 44 health departments are accredited while 275 are in process in the United States; \$50,000 fee for the accreditation with PHAB; the hospitals are collaborating on community health assessments; and the IRS mandates that non-profit hospitals must have collaborative efforts with public health departments and have community health assessments.

5.0 COH Officer Elections – Nominating Committee, Wayne Swann and Rose Marie Martinez

Mr. Swann and Dr. Martinez served as the Nominating Committee. Mr. Swann discussed the process and presented the officer slate for the election. Mr. Ron Bialek accepted the nomination for the Chair position while Dr. Dan Russ accepted the nomination for the Vice Chair position. In the absence of any more nominations from the floor, Mr. Swann moved to close the nominations from the floor. The motion was seconded and was passed by unanimous consent.

MOTION: Dr. Alan Kaplan made a motion for the COH to accept the nominations and elect Mr. Ron Bialek for Chair and Dr. Dan Russ for Vice Chair. Dr. Michelle Hawkins seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous voice consent.

Mr. Bialek thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and thanked the COH for their support.

6.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair

6.1 County Council – Ms. Linda McMillan announced that with the budget process over the Council will be now focused on land-use issues. There will be an HHS Committee discussion on eCigarette usage on July 21, 2014. The Council has convened a working group on healthier options in County Government vending machines and cafeterias and there will be an interim report in the late fall. The DHHS was successful during the budget process and was able to secure increased funding for Montgomery Cares including an expansion of behavioral health services. A grant was approved for start-up costs for the Muslim Community Health Clinic's Dental Clinic. The HHS Committee discussed the need for increased County dental services.

Discussion followed on: on Montgomery Cares funding, lower than anticipated numbers of Montgomery Cares patients; and the new Muslim Clinic.

6.2 Staff Report – Ms. Gould-Kostka discussed the following: reporting changes in contact information to COH staff; the County Executive’s attendance policy; the County fiscal year begins July 1st; and the Ethics Training has not been scheduled yet.

7.0 Workgroup Recommendations – Ron Bialek, Chair

7.1 Public Health Accreditation Workgroup – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun discussed that the workgroup had drafted a letter to the County Council that was sent electronically to the COH on June 16, 2014.

Discussion followed: the possibility of citing studies; and the need for some editing to ready the letter for distribution.

MOTION: Ms. Marcia Pruzan made a motion for the Commission to accept the public health accreditation letter, which will be finalized by several members prior to being sent to the County Council. Mr. Wayne Swann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

7.2 Surveillance Workgroup – Mr. Wayne Swann discussed the updated draft letter of recommendations for the County Executive and County Council to consider. The original draft letter was shared with the COH electronically on May 12, 2014. A motion to table consideration of the letter was made during the May meeting. An updated version of the letter was produced with additional changes for COH consideration and was sent to the COH electronically for consideration on June 16, 2014.

Discussion followed: the possibility of requesting a multi-year plan for funding related to behavioral health and oral health; give context for the recommendations by mentioning the recommendations made in the past by the COH; consider softening the language; how this letter should go to the County Council and the County Executive; how oral health funding needs are greater than the Montgomery Cares program; and expanding capacity within DHHS related to oral health services will require funding.

MOTION: Mr. Swann made a motion to take from the table the recommendation letter to the County Executive and County Council from the Surveillance Workgroup. Mr. Swann moved for the COH to send an updated recommendation letter to the County Executive and the County Council, which will be finalized by Mr. Swann, Dr. Martinez and Mr. Bialek. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

7.3 Food Security and Nutrition Workgroup – Dr. Shari Targum said that a response to the recommendation letter had not been received from the Commission on Aging. Ms. Pruzan said that the Commission on Aging (COA) data task force will take about a year to determine resources needed, and decide how to set priorities and policy for acquiring data. This effort will create a separate entity as an adjunct to Healthy Montgomery, but will use the same metrics and policy as Healthy Montgomery. It will be a year before the COA decides on topics they will investigate.

Dr. Targum said that there are no further letters of recommendation to consider at this time.

8.0 Discussion: COH Retreat – Ron Bialek, Chair

8.1 Purpose of the Retreat – Mr. Bialek reminded everyone that the Retreat Planning Committee (RPC) consists of Mr. Berger, Mr. Bialek, Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Russ. The RPC will meet in the near future to discuss areas of focus during the retreat.

Mr. Bialek mentioned that the County Council is receptive to research on issues and evidence-based input in recommendation letters. Mr. Bialek emphasized the importance of focusing on areas that are

not already being worked on by other groups to increase the impact of effort as well as being mindful of past recommendations by the COH.

8.2 Potential Retreat Topics – Mr. Bialek opened the floor to suggestions for topics for consideration by the RPC as areas of focus at the retreat.

The following topics were suggested:

- Oral health
- Preventive health
- Community health assessment
- Pedestrian injuries
- Depressive episodes in adolescents
- Data needs
- COH enabling legislation

Mr. Bialek thanked the COH for the input into possible topics for the retreat. The RPC will meet to plan the retreat in the near future.

9.0 New Business/Unfinished Business

9.1 Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee (HMSC) – Mr. Bialek asked Dr. Targum to report on the June 9, 2014 HMSC meeting. Dr. Targum said that the concept of the core measures set was agreed to. The next areas of focus for Healthy Montgomery will be Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes. And the [Triple Aim](#) will be an overarching goal of Healthy Montgomery. Ms. McMillan mentioned that the Obesity Partnership launch was very successful and that the COH might consider inviting Brenda Salas, Montgomery County Employee Wellness Program Manager, to a future meeting.

Discussion followed: Montgomery County Public Schools' Chief of Staff Andrew Zuckerman has joined the HMSC; the question was raised about the next areas of focus for Healthy Montgomery and the selection process, which were not voted on by the HMSC.

10.0 Adjournment

Dr. Shari Targum made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mr. Swann 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 May 2014

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

Dental Program Grant

We have received confirmation from the State of Maryland of a \$30,000 award to our **Dental Program**. This is less than the \$49,000 that we requested, but welcome all the same. This is a one-time grant, but we're hoping that we will be able to re-apply in FY16 and into the future. The money will be used for three things:

1. support for the County's Oral Cancer program within the **County Cancer Crusade Program**;
2. establishment of the mouth guard program for student athletes; and
3. expansion of hours for contracted dentists and dental hygienists, with the hygienists expanding outreach to Maternity Partnership patients.

Cool Spots - May was all about swimming pools, all the time at L & R. All pools were successfully licensed and open for Memorial Day weekend. We have not had any issues with automated external defibrillator (AED) registration certificates from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Systems Services (MIEMSS). MIEMSS has a large backlog of registration applicants so L&R is considering evidence of application as acceptable documentation.

HOT SPOTS

- The TB Program needs to upgrade the radiology IT system so that it meets County security compliance and system support (due to elimination of current Windows XP by Microsoft). Efforts are being made to complete this purchase within FY14, if possible.
- L&R arranged for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living to meet with both PEPCO and WSSC for emergency preparedness briefings.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

TB Control Program

- Only one of the two vacant CHN positions in the TB Program will be filled at this time due to the expected decrease in the TB grant funding for next fiscal year. The vacant Nurse Manager position was posted on the transfer line on May 30.

HIV/STD Program:

HIV Client Services: Melvin Cauthen and Dale Schacherer presented a poster: "*Working with HIV Positive Men who Have Sex with Men*" at the 26th Annual Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS in Denver, May 22 - 25, 2014.

Community Health Services

Becky Smith, formerly the Program Manager for Montgomery Cares, has accepted the position as the new Nurse Administrator for Silver Spring Health Center, effective June 1, 2014.

School Health Services

- School Health Services is currently in the process of hiring both sub School Community Health Nurses (SCHNs) and sub School Health Room Technicians (SHRTs). We have interviewed 23 SCHNs and 22 SHRTs candidates for the August orientation.

- The School Health Services Center at Rockinghorse Road began billing and fee collection for immunizations on May 5th. For the month of May, the immunization clinic at Rockinghorse Road has given 520 vaccinations to 186 clients, billed Medicaid MCOs \$3,286 and collected \$1,494 in fees for a total of \$4,780.

Montgomery Cares Program

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

○ Non-homeless patients	25,888	(83% of budget target)
○ Non-homeless encounters	64,266	(78% of budget target)
○ Homeless patients	244	(61% of budget target)
○ Homeless encounters	351	(39% of budget target)

Maternity Partnership Program

	<u>April</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Number of patients referred to contracting hospitals by DHHS clinics	147	1,393
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	142	1,356
Number of teens enrolled	8	61
Percent entry during first trimester	56%	49%
Fetal losses	1	20

Reproductive Health Program

	<u>April 2014</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Mary’s Center	56 patients	420 patients
Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington	90 patients	953 patients
TAYA	<u>76 patients</u>	<u>1,304 patients</u>
TOTAL	222 patients	2,677 patients

Oral Health

	<u># New Patients</u>		<u># Visits/Encounters</u>	
	April	YTD	April	YTD
Maternity:	56 patients	664 patients	177 visits	1,579 visits
Children:	161 patients	1,266 patients	301 visits	2,325 visits
Adults:	138 patients	1,339 patients	266 visits	2,462 visits
Seniors:	62 patients	626 patients	166 visits	1,266 visits
TOTAL:	423 patients	3,895 patients	802 visits	7,633 visits