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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2014

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Ilana Cohen, Kathy Ghiladi, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Marcia Pruzan, Daniel Russ, Wayne L. Swann, Ashraf Sufi, Shari Targum, Ulder J. Tillman and Bridget Ware

Members Absent: Kathy Ghiladi, Pierre-Marie Longkeng and Tonya Saffer

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka and Doreen Kelly

Guests: Dr. Tim Ballard, USUHS, Wendy Friar, Holy Cross Hospital, Beth Gochrach, Offices of the County Executive, Dr. Seth Morgan, Liaison from Commission on People with Disabilities, and Marcos Pesquera, Adventist HealthCare

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wayne Swann made a motion to approve the November 2014 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Dr. Graciela Jaschek 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 meetings will be held on January 15, 2015 and February 19, 2015.

**3.2 Proposed Letter to County Council on eCigarettes (Bill 56-14)** – Mr. Bialek discussed the County Council's recently introduced Bill 56-14 Health and Sanitation – Smoking – eCigarettes. There will be a public hearing on January 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the bill.

Key components of the bill were discussed. Dr. Tillman said that eCigarettes cannot be sold to anyone less than 18 years of age under State law, however the refills can be purchased by anyone.

Discussion followed: liquid nicotine is in replacement cartridges and the vials vary in concentration; poison control centers have seen an increase in liquid nicotine exposure in children; and there has been a documented fatality of an infant who consumed liquid nicotine. The COH created an eCigarette Task Force which will develop a draft letter of support for Bill 56-14 for consideration during the January 15, 2015 COH meeting. COH Vice Chair Dan Russ

will serve as the Task Force Chair. The eCigarette Task Force will include: Dr. Shari Targum; Dr. Alan Kaplan, Dr. Sheela Modin and Ms. Marla Caplon. The draft letter will be provided for review by the full Commission prior to the January meeting.

**3.3 Update on Healthy Montgomery** –Mr. Bialek discussed topics covered during the Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee (HMSC) meeting December 8, 2014. Items discussed: issues related to continuum of care in behavioral health services; the next priority area for the HMSC will be diabetes, however due to staffing needs, the work will not begin immediately in this area; an amendment to the HM charter was approved that aligns the community health needs assessment (every 3 years) with the IRS requirements that the hospital partners adhere to; and the hospital partners will report on their community benefits work during the March 2, 2015 HMSC meeting.

**3.4 Update on DHHS B/C/C Meeting**–Mr. Bialek attended the Quarterly DHHS Boards, Committees and Commissions (B/C/C) meeting with DHHS Director Uma Ahluwalia on December 15, 2014. Mental health was the focus of the meeting; and the co-chairs from the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) facilitated the discussion. Issues of access and coordination were discussed, as well as cultural competency and the County’s budget shortfall. The MHAC will draft a letter of recommendation to be shared with the DHHS B/C/Cs for final approval and finally to be sent to the County Council and County Executive.

Additionally, Mr. Bialek and Mr. Swann, the COH liaison to the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB), will meet with members of the MCAB to discuss the future of MCAB and clarify distinctions between the COH, the HMSC and the MCAB. Mr. Bialek will keep the COH informed about the discussions.

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

Dr. Tillman announced the PHS Chief’s Report for November 2014 will be sent out in an upcoming electronic mail. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Tillman discussed the following issues: over 11,000 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered through School Health Services and Community Health Services; there may need to be approximately a 3% reduction in County spending in FY16 due to lower revenues than estimated in Montgomery County; and Public Health Services’ Ebola response staff actively monitors people who have entered the area and are considered a possible risk.

Discussion followed: the CDC three-tiered hospital response units; and how Maryland has agreements with other states and hospitals to help with tracking of travelers.

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

**5.1 MCPS Report** – Ms. Marla Caplon discussed the following: the offices of the MCPS Food and Nutrition Services have moved from Crabbs Branch Way to Snouffer School Road. The new facility will allow more cooking from scratch, using more fresh fruits and vegetables.

**5.2 Staff Report** – Ms. Gould-Kostka thanked the COH membership for their dedication to the well-being of Montgomery County residents. She wished them well and encouraged them to continue working to better the health of the County’s residents.

#### **6.0 Responses from HHS Clinics and Montgomery Cares – Ron Bialek, Chair**

Mr. Bialek discussed the responses from the HHS Clinics and the Montgomery Cares Clinics related to the fact-finding letter on accessibility for people with disabilities sent by the COH and the Commission on People with Disabilities (CPWD).

Dr. Seth Morgan, the CPWD liaison to the COH, said he was heartened by the quick responses that were positive in tone. There were some responses related to additional training for staff that Dr. Morgan felt should be followed up on.

Discussion followed: more specificity was hoped for in some responses; the possibility of reaching out to Nancy Greene, ADA Title II Compliance Manager, Montgomery County Department of General Services, to learn about training options for the clinics; and is there a structured checklist for addressing accessibility issues to offer to clinics.

Mr. Bialek will contact Ms. Greene to discuss the possibility of her offering a presentation or training(s) for clinic directors. The CPWD has not yet taken up the response letters. Mr. Bialek will discuss the next steps with the COH and then possibly send out letters of appreciation to the Montgomery Cares and HHS Clinics along with potential recommendations.

#### **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. Mr. Bialek asked the Data Needs and the Public Health Accreditation Work Groups to identify leads in their work plans as well as set timelines for the work.

Ms. Caplon will provide a full report to the Oral Health Work Group on what dental services are provided in Montgomery County Public Schools.

#### **8.0 New Business/Unfinished Business**

Mr. Bialek thanked Ms. Jeanine Gould-Kostka on behalf of all the commissioners for her eight years of outstanding service as staff to the Commission, and extended congratulations to her for her new position with the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention. Dr. Tillman presented Ms. Gould-Kostka with a certificate from County Executive Leggett, recognizing her many contributions to improve public health for County residents during her 10 years of employment with the County. Guests, including Beth Gochrach from the County Executive's Office, Wendy Friar (past COH Chair), and Marcos Pesquera (past COH Chair), joined members and staff in the acknowledgements and offering of best wishes. Temporarily replacing Ms. Gould-Kostka as staff to the COH is Doreen Kelly. Mr. Bialek noted that the COH is grateful to Ms. Kelly for taking on this added responsibility in addition to her other roles in DHHS.

No other new or unfinished business.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

Dr. Modin made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:55 p.m. Ms. Ilana Cohen seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice consent.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanine Gould-Kostka  
Staff to Commission on Health

Attachment to Minutes

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
November, 2014**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

- School Health Services administered a total of 5,875 doses of FluMist seasonal flu vaccine at 132 elementary school clinics on November 10th and November 11th. School Based Health & Wellness Centers and School Health Services Center are continuing to offer FluMist seasonal flu vaccine. As of November 14th, a total of 7,912 FluMist vaccines have been administered by School Health Services staff, which is an increase of 649 from last year.
- The DAHC Immunization Program successfully completed the Maryland Vaccines for Children (VFC) Compliance site visit.
- Immunization Program Administrator participated on Maryland Partnership for Prevention's Global Budget Revenue (GBR) System's Subcommittee. GBR Systems provides incentives to hospitals to efficiently manage their resources with LHD and other public health organizations.
- Community Health Services/Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) received a \$200 March of Dimes (MOD) Community Award to fund the purchase of 15 MOD Baby Basics books. These are currently being distributed to case management nurses in the DACCT, African American Health Program, and Germantown and Silver Spring Health Centers.

**HOT SPOTS**

- The Health Care for the Homeless program is still operating with two vacancies. Basic support to shelters for hospital discharges is continuing, but certain other services, e.g. flu clinics, have been suspended.
- Community Health Services has 2 vacant positions: Nurse Administrator (M3) and a Community Health Nurse.
- Care for Kids enrollment continues to increase, and a shortfall of approximately \$50,000 is possible for FY 15. The need for additional program resources will be reassessed following the end of the first six months of the Fiscal Year.

**UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES**

Community Health Services

- Prepared and distributed samples of Fetal and Infant Mortality Board's educational health material/resources to approximately 7 middle and high school nurses.
- Supported the preparation/delivery of the Child Fatality Review Board's Teen Suicide Prevention in-service in October 2014 targeting private school personnel, MCPS, and MCDHHS school nurses.

Licensing & Regulatory

- Food recovery RFP has been issued and proposals are due soon.
- L&R is working with County Attorney and police on an amendment to Chap. 24 Massage to address human trafficking problem.

Disease Control

- Disease Control Program provided rabies consultation and risk assessment for 18 persons and recommended PEP for 7 persons. There were 40+ case investigations including Acute Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Malaria (x5), and Dengue (x2). Additionally the Disease Control Team investigated 4 Probable Pertussis cases, as well as a pneumonia (Mycoplasma) outbreak involving 10 students at an MCPS Elementary School.
- Disease Control Program Administrator worked with DHMH Outbreak Team to track 80+ travelers in Montgomery County from Sierra Leon, Guinea, Liberia, and Mali, including coverage on weekends and the Thanksgiving holiday.

TB Control and Refugee Health

- Currently 46 active TB cases reported (approximately five clinical cases pending; likely to equal or be very close to the total number of the previous year)

Immunizations

- The Immunization (IZ) Program provided nearly 3,000 doses Flu Vaccine for the community, homeless, and vulnerable populations.
- The IZ Program also administered 317 adult vaccines (Hepatitis B, Tetanus/diphtheria/acellular Pertussis [Tdap], Measles/Mumps/Rubella [MMR], and Varicella) to adults without health insurance using Electronic Practice Management (EPM) module and fee collection. The outreach to uninsured adults continues to thrive.

Montgomery Cares Program

- The Montgomery Cares Advisory Board has asked the Council for an extension to the January 1, 2015 deadline for recommendations regarding the MCAB reauthorization. The Council will hold a public hearing on a bill to extend the deadline on December 2, 2014.
- Montgomery Cares enrollment continues to fall below the level projected by the 12 participating clinics, and also below the enrollment level anticipated in the FY15 budget. Allocation of program resources will be reassessed following the end of the first six months of the Fiscal Year.

<b>Program: Montgomery Cares</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>
Patients	4,963	4,907	5,171	4,753	4,870	5,294
YTD Patients	27,072	28,270	5,171	8,531	11,276	11,383
Encounters	6,066	5,804	6,268	5,587	5,930	6,510
YTD Encounters	70,318	76,122	6,268	11,855	17,785	24,295
<b>Program: MC Homeless Health</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>
Patients	12	10	13	18	16	12
YTD Patients	256	266	13	31	47	59
Encounters	23	12	17	23	24	20
YTD Encounters	374	386	17	40	64	84
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>

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	
<b>Program: Dental Health</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>
<b>Maternity:</b>						
New patients	58	45	113	72	50	53
YTD patients	722	767	113	185	235	288
Encounters	183	143	130	122	102	115
YTD Encounters	1762	1905	130	252	354	469
<b>Children:</b>						
New patients	106	85	209	156	144	157
YTD patients	1372	1457	209	365	509	666
Encounters	245	208	240	246	229	258
YTD Encounters	2570	2778	240	486	715	973
<b>Adults:</b>						
New patients	113	89	138	118	113	90
YTD patients	1452	1541	138	256	369	459
Encounters	259	211	231	205	221	206
YTD Encounters	2721	2932	231	436	657	863
<b>Seniors:</b>						
New patients	61	66	164	108	96	55
YTD patients	687	753	164	272	368	423
Encounters	127	152	168	187	181	143
YTD Encounters	1393	1545	168	355	536	679
<b>TOTAL:</b>						
New patients	338	285	624	454	403	355
YTD patients	4233	4518	624	1,078	1481	1836
Encounters	814	714	769	790	733	722
YTD Encounters	8446	9160	769	1,529	2262	2984
<b>Program: Health Room</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>

Number of visits by students who return to class after and are ready to learn following health room intervention			Schools Closed	Schools Closed	61543	57100
Number of visits by students with a health room intervention			Schools Closed	Schools Closed	69803	64892
<b>Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)</b>						
	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>
Number of VFC vaccinations administered			1019	1869	2136	1364
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients **			Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

\* Teen Pregnancy compiles data once per year for the entire year and reports out in July. Data on case-managed teens are for new pregnancies only and does not include any ongoing case-management of teens who may have given birth in previous years. Additional data points will not be available until the NextGen EHR system is available next year.

\*\* VFC data will not be available until NextGen reporting is fully implemented.