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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2015

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Rose Marie Martinez, Susan Milstein, Ulder Tillman

Members Absent: Ilana Cohen, Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, Wayne Swann, and Bridget Ware

Staff Present: Doreen Kelly and Ellen Segal

Guests: Kathy Koepke-Mann, Commission on People with Disabilities

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Vice Chair Mitchell Berger called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- **Approval of Minutes** – There was no quorum at this meeting, therefore there was no motion to approve minutes from the November meeting.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meetings will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and February 18, 2016 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, first floor, Conference Room 1A.

3.0 Officers' Updates – Vice Chair, Mitchell Berger

- The upcoming County Executive's community budget forums have been announced. They will be held throughout the County in January and are listed on the County website.
- COH will need to prepare its priorities/budget recommendations for an upcoming annual meeting of DHHS Boards and Commissions with County Executive Isiah Leggett (date TBD) in January or February. The County Executive presents his proposed budget to the Council in March.
- Dr. Kaplan offered to put a tentative hold on the conference room at Ingleside at King Farm for the COH Retreat on October 20, 2016. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.
- Mr. Berger attended the DHHS Director's quarterly meeting of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. He gave a brief presentation regarding the COH's activities and priorities for this year. Several issues were discussed including housing for domestic violence victims and mental health issues.

4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman addressed highlights from the attached Chief's Report for November 2015.

- Homeless Resource Day was a big success with approximately 375 guests in attendance.
- Restaurant inspection reports are now on the County Twitter account @dataMontgomery.
- TB Control has filled one vacant Community Health Nurse position and will soon fill the other vacancy.

- The Council will have an update from the HHS Healthcare for the Uninsured programs in late January (Date TBD).
- Care for Kids program has had a surge in enrollment and expenditures and spending is 35% higher than in FY15. PCC is projecting a shortfall of \$140,000 by the end of FY16.

5.0 Liaison Reports

5.1 Kathy Mann-Koepke: Commission on People with Disabilities

- Council delayed their decision on the bill broadening commissions' authority to advocate.
- Dr. Mann-Koepke mentioned that the Commission on People with Disabilities met twice monthly; one is the Steering Committee meeting and the other is the Commission meeting.
- The Commission on People with Disabilities will be inviting COH Chair Dan Russ to one of their upcoming meetings.

5.2 Michelle Hawkins: African American Health Program

- Arlee Gist Wallace has been named as the new African American Health Program Manager, and she has been meeting with partners to introduce herself. She was formerly with the State Office of Health Disparities.
- The African American Health Program (AAHP) will be having its 3rd Community Health Day in April. African American Men's Wellness Committee is working with the AAHP on this. A few items they are interested in including at the event are prostate screenings and educational booths.
- Dr. Milstein mentioned the Men's Health Network for possible involvement. Dr. Hawkins will look into this.

5.3 Rose Marie Martinez: Latino Health Initiative

- Maria Gomez is the new Co-Chair with Evelyn Kelly for the Latino Health Initiative (LHI).
- The Latino Health blueprint is being worked on; budget is being looked into.
- Dr. Martinez suggested the possibility of getting a speaker to present to the COH on the HHS Leadership Institute for Elimination of Disparities. She suggested Uma Ahluwalia or Betty Lam as possibilities.

5.4 Ron Bialek: Healthy Montgomery

- Healthy Montgomery is in the midst of completing the Community Health Needs Assessment, hopefully by March.
- Healthy Montgomery sub groups are currently focused on several priority areas including: Behavioral Health and Obesity.
- Behavioral Health made recommendations around:
 - Online development and coordination of care
 - Discussed a pilot of 300 individuals with mental health issues following a pathway to reduce overuse of the E.R.
- Mr. Bialek suggested the COH could further explore working with Healthy Montgomery. COH could weigh in on issues and help with decisions.
- There is a document and slides available at Healthymontgomery.org.
- Mr. Bialek suggested the COH could invite Kevin Young from Adventist Behavioral Health to return to speak about behavioral health coordination at a future COH meeting.
- Dr. Hawkins asked about Behavioral Health access to providers. Dr. Tillman advised using telehealth and more discussion on how to improve access

5.5 Possible Liaisons

- Dr. Alan Kaplan is interested in exploring becoming a Liaison to Commission on Aging.
- Brenda Brooks is interested in becoming a Liaison to Commission on Children and Youth.
- Dr. Milstein expressed an interest in being a Liaison with the Veterans Commission.

6.0 New Business

- There was some discussion regarding what will be needed for the COH recommendations for the County Executive's budget. In the absence of a quorum no action was taken on this. Discussion included the following points:
 - COH should decide priorities and how to make our impact. Look into what the workgroups are working on. Work with other BCC's on their priorities.
 - As a Commission it is beneficial to keep similar issues in the forefront year after year. Listen to Linda McMillan and integrate issues of concern to the County Council.
 - COH should look at maintaining funding for important public health services/programs.
 - Remind County officials to consider social determinants. A suggestion last year included raising revenues not just reducing funding for services.
- Jessica Kronstadt from the Public Health Accreditation Board will speak at our January meeting. What questions does the COH have for her?
 - What are the benefits of accreditation?
 - What strategies have been used by other counties to become accredited?
 - What is the time and effort, and amount of money involved?
 - Is there evidence that being accredited improves chances of getting a grant?
 - COH would like Jennifer to provide an overview of the accreditation process.
 - What are the lessons learned from those who have gone through the process.
 - How does the PHAB assist programs in gaining accreditation?
 - What mistakes or common errors have been made in the past?
- Some benefits of accreditation are that it identifies strengths and weaknesses, enriches relationships, strengthens community confidence, provides a competitive edge in the marketplace and may help when applying for grants.
- Dr. Tillman suggested that we are in a position to start working on accreditation for HHS. There is a \$50,000 fee.
- There was a short discussion of topics for future meetings:
 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Aging
 - Health Insurance Literacy
 - The Mental Health Advisory Committee
 - The Welcome Back Center, which helps those healthcare providers from other countries moving here to get certified; including behavioral health providers. They are in short supply – so it dovetails with the behavioral health focus area of Healthy Montgomery.

7.0 Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Doreen Kelly

Administrator, Public Health Services

**Public Health Services
Chief's Report
November 2015**

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

- Homeless Resource Day (HRD) took place on November 19, 2015, and was considered a great success by both vendors and participants. Approximately 375 guests were in attendance. The Health Sector (Quad #1) included over 20 exhibitors. The DHHS Flu Shot campaign administered 75 flu shots. New this year was a collaboration with Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, which conducted vision screening at HRD and will perform follow-up eye exams and provide eyeglasses to HRD participants.
- The DHHS Dental Services program is launching a collaboration with the Montgomery College (Rockville) Certified Dental Assistants (CDA) training program. DHHS hopes to serve as a practice site for CDA trainees, pending resolution of questions regarding liability coverage for contract dentists who will be supervising the trainees.

HOT SPOTS

- Maternity Partnership enrollment continues to grow. The number of women enrolled in the first four months of FY16 is 18.5% higher than the number enrolled during the first four months of FY 15. If enrollment continues to expand at a similar rate through the rest of the year, MP enrollment may well exceed 2000 patients by the end of FY16.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Licensing & Regulatory

- Nursing Home Program: A nursing facility received a harm deficiency and a civil money penalty because the facility failed to prevent head injuries related to multiple falls of a resident. Despite 5 of the falls resulting in head injuries, there was no evidence of safety measures implemented to prevent head injuries.
- Environmental Health: Over 3500 renewal applications were mailed to food service facilities on Nov. 15. Restaurant inspection reports are now on the county Twitter account @dataMontgomery

Disease Control

- November case highlights include: coordinating surveillance and specimens for a gastro outbreak in an MCPS elementary school, working with DHMH on a suspect case of Rift Valley Fever, investigating a case of Tuberculoid-like Hansen's Disease, opening a case of suspected chikungunya, providing contact tracing for 5 pertussis cases, and participating in DHMH's "Cost of Lyme Disease Study" that includes 54 Mo Co residents.

Immunization Program

- The Immunization program welcomed Ingrid Nichols, Anita Andrade, Debra Mendelson and Jennifer Cooper as temporary part time community health nurses (CD& E group position) to help support the satellite Immunization clinics at the Health Centers/CD&E division.
- The Immunization program has implemented a new process for obtaining vaccine inventory on hand from the Health Centers, School Based Health Wellness Centers and School Health Services Centers to report it to DHMH.
- The program has received its shipment of 10,000 doses of Flu mist vaccine and plans to distribute them to School Health Services on December 11, 2015 for the Flu Mist vaccine administration in 134 elementary schools.

Refugee Health

- MORA grant award letter was received; salary for the CHN positions was cut from 2.0 FTE to 1.6 FTEs.

Tuberculosis Control

- 42 cases reported for this calendar year as of 12/3/15
- Interviews for TB CHN positions will be held
- TB NP position still open for applications/interviews

Montgomery Cares

- As of October 31, 2015, Montgomery Cares utilization of primary care services was at 32% of the annual allocation for FY 16. Anticipated volume for all of FY 16 is 66,000-67,000 visits, which will closely match the budgeted allowance of 67,000 visits.

Care for Kids

- Staff are closely watching Care for Kids FY 16 program expenditures. Primary care costs for the first four months of the Fiscal Year are trending 35% higher than in FY15. PCC is now projecting a shortfall of \$138,545 by the end of FY 16, or approx. \$11,500 per month. They also anticipate that the CFK enrollment will rise to 4,751 kids by the end of FY 16, a 21% increase over the end of FY 15.