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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2016
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present:	Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Stacey Burton Dey-Foy, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, Ulder Tillman, and Bridget Ware
Members Absent:	Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, and Wayne Swann
Staff Present:	Doreen Kelly and Ellen Segal
Guest Speaker:	Jessica Kronstadt, MPP, Director of Research and Evaluation, Public Health Accreditation Board

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- **Approval of Minutes** – There was a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2015 meeting made by Dr. Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Dr. Michelle Hawkins. The minutes for November were approved by voiced consent.
- There was a motion to approve minutes from the December 2015 meeting made by Dr. Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Dr. Susan Milstein. The December minutes were approved.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meetings will be Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, first floor, Conference Room 1A.

3.0 Guest Speaker-Jessica Kronstadt, MPP, Director of Research and Evaluation, Public Health Accreditation Board - Mr. Ron Bialek introduced Ms. Kronstadt, who presented a power point regarding public health accreditation. Following are a few key points she mentioned.

- The goal of Public Health Accreditation is to improve public health departments.
- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) launched in 2011. There are now 96 accredited health departments in the United States, with 4 accredited health departments in Maryland.
- The process is:
  - Preparation and completing pre-requisites such as the Community Health Improvement Plan and a Strategic Plan
  - Registration and application-paperless registration. The health department will then pay a fee and go through training.
  - Document selection and submission
  - Site visit-3 people from PHAB are assigned to review the health department.
  - Accreditation decision-the team from PHAB will decide on a 5-year accreditation or give the health department an action plan (lists of necessary improvements to become accredited).
  - Annual reports will be done by the health department.
  - Reaccreditation required every 5 years.

- Some of the benefits of accreditation include overall health department quality improvement, improved competitiveness for funding, and greater accountability and transparency.
- Noted improvements from accredited health departments include improvement in culture, effectiveness and quality, and ability to better handle situations.
- Resources on the internet include a readiness checklist and information on how to select an accreditation coordinator.

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

- Maternity Partnership Program's enrollment has grown by more than 20% over this time last year. If enrollment continues to expand at this rate, it may approach more than 2,000 patients by the end of FY16.
- There have been 43 cases of TB reported this calendar year; there are 2-3 more cases pending laboratory confirmation.
- Care for Kids may see $185,000 shortfall due to increased enrollment partly from so many children fleeing violence. DHHS has alerted county officials regarding the need for increased funding.

5.0 Officers' Update – Chair, Daniel Russ

- Dr. Russ met with Commission for People with Disabilities (CPWD) Steering Committee yesterday and stated they were interested in working with COH on access to care and mental health issues.
- He suggested that the COH could form a small workgroup to work with the CPWD on these mutual issues of interest. Previous mutual issues re. ADA compliance re. accessibility in county clinics could also be revisited at a future COH meeting. Mr. Bialek said ADA Compliance Officer Nancy Green had offered to provide a training on this.

6.0 State Legislation Update

Dr. Tillman said the following bills of interest were being considered by the Maryland General Assembly

- Diabetes Monitoring - a bill encouraging the school system to train volunteers to assist students with diabetes and to perform diabetes monitoring if nurses are not available.
- A statewide bill to encourage needle exchanges to reduce HIV and other diseases.
- A bill to strengthen the e-cigarette laws pertaining to child safety caps for liquid nicotine.
- The Council would like to clean up language in the Mental Health and Substance Abuse bills.

Chair Russ encouraged members to plan ahead and begin to think about state or local legislation COH would be interested in supporting next year.

7.0 Men's Health Issues

Dr. Susan Milstein gave a brief report.

- She stated that there is not enough being done on men's health and she would recommend that the COH explore Men's Health issues in the County.
- Dr. Kaplan raised the issue of mental health services at the men's shelters. Dr. Tillman mentioned Mobile Med provides physicals for men and women, but not mental health services.
- Dr. Milstein asked if members would be interested in inviting an expert speaker from the Men's Health Network. COH members expressed interest. February 18, 2016, there will be a speaker presenting from the Men's Health Network.

8.0 Budget Priorities Statement Discussion

- Dr. Russ stated that each year COH Chair usually meets with the County Executive to discuss budget priorities. COH recent budget priorities include:

- Adequate funding for Care for Kids and Maternity Partnership programs; and support for Montgomery Cares Program, and increased funding for certain components of the program.
- Support for minority health initiatives
- Including social determinants of health in funding priorities, such as living wage and affordable housing
- Supporting raising revenue, rather than reducing health services
- Additional funding for Oral Health services.
- Dr. Santel suggested COH include increased funding for prevention and outreach for HIV, which is part of the National HIV Strategy. Others discussed supporting the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board's budget requests, and addressing the public health workforce.
- By voice consent, COH is convening a task force to prepare a statement of its budget priorities for the County Executive for FY17. Volunteers include Mitchell Berger, Stacey Burton Dey-Foy, Dr. Dan Russ, and Dr. Fabienne Santel.
- Ms. Saffer suggested the COH should have a budget workgroup to look into recommendations ahead for next year.

9.0 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
December 2015

SUCCESSES AND GOOD NEWS

- As of January 5th, School Health Services has administered 5,178 total doses of FluMist seasonal flu vaccine at 133 elementary schools. The majority of these doses were administered at the annual vaccine clinics arranged at the schools from December 14th to 18th. SHS will continue to administer FluMist vaccine at School Based Health and Wellness Centers and the School Health Services Center.
- School Health Services completed the three week orientation of eight substitute and two merit School Community Health Nurses in December and they are currently working in school health rooms.
- The Pan Asian Clinic has completed its move from 7-1 Metro Court (where it was co-located with Mercy Clinic) to its new home at 9318 Gaither Road, Suite 205. This new location is adjacent to the large CCACC adult day program and other CCACC services. The first clinic day at the new site will be Friday, January 8, 2016. Service access will be expanded from the current schedule of one afternoon per week (Friday) to a wider

schedule, depending on volunteer provider availability. Clinic hours are expected to be scheduled on some Tuesday afternoons, Wed morning, Thursday afternoon, Friday, and some Sunday afternoons.

HOT SPOTS

- Maternity Partnership enrollment continues to grow. The number of women enrolled in the first five months of FY16 is 19% higher than the number enrolled during the first five months of FY 15. If enrollment continues to expand at a similar rate through the rest of the year, MP enrollment may approach 2,000 patients by the end of FY16.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Licensing & Regulatory

- 2392 out of 3700 renewed food service applications were received through December. Due date for all food renewals is January 31.
- Ice Rink issue cropped up on December 31, 2015: Individual in Poolesville advertising on Facebook regarding a new ice rink for use in which there would be possible food distribution and a raffle. Zoning prohibits the rink to be used for commercial use. DPS went on site, December 31, 2015, and informed the individual to cease which started a media storm. Met with the individual on January 4th in a DPS meeting and informed the individual of the food and raffle regulations.
- Revised Executive Regulations for smoking will be published in the February County Register for public comment.

Disease Control

- In December, 2015, a team of four Disease Control Nurses conducted 127 case investigations, including 6 Pertussis cases; one (1) outbreak investigation, scabies at a county shelter; conducted 20 animal bite investigations and referred 14 adults & 6 children for Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for rabies at local emergency departments. Montgomery County hosted 83 travelers from Ebola endemic countries in December; 37 travelers from Sierra Leone self-monitored and 46 travelers from Guinea were monitored by DHMH Call Center. Travelers from Liberia were not monitored.
- In 2015 a team of four Disease Control Nurses conducted >460 animal bite investigations, referred >150 residents for PEP, had 41 animals test positive for rabies (20 bats and 17 raccoons), conducted an additional >2,500 case investigations, 37 outbreak investigations, and >2,000 travelers from Ebola endemic countries. In 2015 Montgomery County had the highest numbers in the State of Maryland for foodborne illness (Campylobacteriosis, Listeriosis, Shiga-Toxin Producing E-coli), Lyme Disease, and Pertussis. No measles cases in 2015 however Montgomery County has the distinction of having the most cases of Measles over the past 10 years in the State of Maryland.

HIV/STD

- HIV Services completed their third site visit this year on Wednesday, December 9, 2016. This visit was an administrative and fiscal assessment. It was completed by staff and a consultant from the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration in cooperation with the District of Columbia Department of Health (the Ryan White Grantee) as part of an overall evaluation of the Washington, DC EMA. We expect any results from the visit to be included in a report to the EMA Grantee.

Immunization Program

- Employees Flu Policy numbers are finalized from all 3 divisions (Aging & Disability, Behavioral Health &Crisis, and Public Health Services) and were reported to the DHMH. Out of 987 employees/contractors covered under the Mandatory Employee Flu Policy, 337 were vaccinated by OMS, 172 by their private providers, and 68 have refused vaccination; 52% of employees/contractors covered under the mandatory policy were vaccinated. The next reporting period will end on April 15, 2016.
- The provider's reenrollment survey (2016) for Vaccine for Children (VFC) program was successfully completed by the Immunization program for all the locations (DAHC, SHSC, SSHC and GHC)
- Following a discussion with the State Department of Health (VFC program) regarding VFC vaccine ordering process, the IZ program has made some changes in the process of ordering vaccines for all the VFC sites. From now on, based on the recommendation from the DHMH VFC program each VFC pin holder will take the responsibility of ordering their own vaccines that will be shipped directly to them from the manufacturer which will reduce the carrier's delivery cost. Also each one of the SBHWC will be applying for their own VFC pin number.

Refugee Health

- Decrease in salary award for current FFY was received in late November; it was decreased from 2.0 CHNs to 1.5 CHNs
- Customer satisfaction survey in progress.
- Time allotted for packing/moving each Thursday afternoon.

Tuberculosis Control

- Initiated community contact investigation at Manor Care Wheaton on December 31, 2015. Awaiting staff and resident rosters from Manor Care; plan to draft exposure notification letter within the next few days. No new information for other community contact investigations.
- Selection for vacant CHN position made; waiting for position to be offered to the selected candidate.
- There is an additional Multiple Drug Resistant (MDR) case at NIH; home state is Montana; will be managed by NIH; no issues of concern reported.
- 43 cases of TB reported for this calendar year; there are 2-3 pending that may be counted for this calendar year (awaiting laboratory confirmation).
- Community Review meeting took place a few weeks ago; review is planned for June, 2016; will select specific date/times of review this week.
- Time allotted for packing/moving plans each Wednesday afternoon.
- Customer satisfaction survey in progress.

Montgomery Cares

- As of November 30, 2015, Montgomery Cares utilization of primary care services was at 27,873 visits, 39% of the annual allocation for FY 16. Anticipated volume for all of FY 16 is 66,000-67,000 visits.

Healthcare for the Homeless

- During December, Health Care for the Homeless staff addressed a scabies outbreak at the Wilkins Avenue Women's Shelter. All 65 residents were treated for scabies on a prophylactic basis, and the outbreak was successfully contained.

Care for Kids

- Staff are closely watching Care for Kids FY 16 program expenditures. Primary care costs for the first five months of the Fiscal Year were at 61% of the budgeted amount for the entire Fiscal Year. PCC has projected that all funds in the primary care line of the CFK budget will be fully expended by the end of February 2016 and that a $200,000 supplement may be needed to meet medical expenses through the end of the Fiscal Year. In order to conserve funds, PCC is closing referrals for specialty dental care effective January 15, 2016. Patients needing urgent dental specialty services are being accommodated through the County's Dental Services program, as Dental Services has some funds for specialty care that were unused due to the illness of one of its dental providers.

PROGRAM DATA

Program: Environmental Health Services	**Dec-15**
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	574
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	2716
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	691
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	4137
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	190
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	839
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	18
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	1932

Program: Healthcare Services	**Dec-15**
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	0
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	3
Number of nursing homes	34