

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

401 Hungerford Dr., 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, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, Wayne Swann, Ulder Tillman, Bridget Ware

Staff Present: Doreen Kelly, Ellen Segal

Guests: Marla Caplon-MCPS Liaison, Kathy Mann-Koepke - Commission on People with Disabilities Liaison, Chelsea Payne - USUHS Resident, Dr. Janalyn C. Edmonds - Assistant Professor-Howard University School of Nursing and nursing students from Howard University: Ashley Bishop, Alex Car, Gladys Cruz, Suzy Djampouop, Jhasmine Lancaster, Aura Rodriguez, Kara Thomson, Chadaun Wilkins

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Chair Daniel Russ, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. He welcomed USUHS Preventive Medicine Resident, Chelsea Payne, currently working on a community health rotation under Dr. Tillman. He also welcomed Dr. Janalyn C. Edmonds and her nursing students from Howard University School of Nursing.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- **Approval of Minutes** – There were no corrections or changes to the October minutes. There was a motion to approve minutes from the October COH Retreat, made by Dr. Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Dr. Michelle Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously by voice consent.
- **Next Meetings** – The Commission discussed whether to hold the optional December meeting. A motion was offered and seconded to hold the December meeting. The members approved the motion by a show of hands to hold the meeting in order to keep momentum going. While approximately 5 members might be absent, a majority (i.e., a quorum) said they would be able to attend. The next COH meetings will be Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and January 21, 2015 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, first floor, Conference Room 1A.

**3.0 Chair Updates**

Dr. Russ presented testimony on the new COH priorities for the upcoming year to the County Council sitting as the Board of Health November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said his testimony followed Dr. Tillman's presentation, and there were no questions or surprises.

**4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Board of Health Presentation**

Dr. Ulder Tillman addressed highlights from the attached Chief's Report for October 2015. She noted that the higher than usual enrollment in both Care for Kids and Maternity Partnership

programs was cause for some concern and would be carefully monitored to determine if supplemental funding would be needed before the end of the fiscal year.

She then presented her power point, "Community Health Needs Assessment" (CHNA) that had been presented to the County Council sitting as the Board of Health November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The power point was sent electronically to the COH members. The presentation summarized the latest status and some lessons learned from the community conversations that concluded October 11. Her presentation touched on social determinates of health and contained statistics and charts showing various demographics and populations with needs that are not being met. Healthy Montgomery is working on a final report from the material gathered at the meetings.

- Dr. Tillman said that she believes the CHNA will meet the community health needs assessment requirement for public health accreditation.
- Ms. Rose Marie Martinez questioned if there are the appropriate cross section of representatives in the Healthy Montgomery subcommittee groups from various non health-related sectors in the community to have a broad productive conversation that includes the importance of social determinants of health. Dr. Tillman stated that they do address broader issues than purely health and there is fairly broad representation from many community sectors, such as Recreation, Park and Planning, Education but there could be a need to broaden it further. They agreed getting the right people together may make improvements possible.

#### **5.0 Results from the Retreat Survey – Mitchell Berger**

Mitchell Berger said he received feedback from most members through the survey instrument, concerning the COH Retreat, and that results were 90% in the good to excellent range. Everyone was pleased with the location, and most enjoyed the presentations and found them useful, and overall thought the retreat was a success. To improve upon the retreat, some participants suggested there should be more time for networking and exercises to get to know the new members better. One suggestion was to think about the workgroups prior to the retreat to enable more time for the groups to meet at the retreat.

#### **6.0 County Council Report – Linda McMillan**

- The HHS Committee had a session with representatives from the Community Action Team of the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Board (FIMR). There were good questions and dialogue and there will be further discussions with the Council on this issue in February.
- County Council will also have a session in January or February for an update on Montgomery Cares, Care for Kids and Maternity Partnership programs.
- The Public Safety Committee will hold a meeting on Opioids. Dr. Raymond Crowel, Chief of Behavioral Health Services in HHS, will be part of this meeting.
- There was an in depth discussion with MCPS and the Council on children fleeing violence. Another discussion will take place in February on this issue and will include HHS.
- The council Government Operations Committee may vote on the bill to allow broader advocacy by certain Boards, Committees, and Commissions before their holiday break. County Executive Leggett has expressed his objections to the bill in a memo to the Council.
- Council will get update on fiscal plans and revenue in time for the March budget discussions.

#### **7.0 MCPS Liaison, Division of Food & Nutritional Services: Marla Caplon**

- Ms. Caplon, Director, Division of Food and Nutrition Services for MCPS, reported that there are 38 schools now participating in a program that provides students with breakfast at school, at no cost to students. There is a significant increase in the number of students participating.
- The Division of Food & Nutrition Services is looking at options for schools where all students receive free meals.

- Broad Acres participates in the Maryland Meals for Achievement Program, where all students receive a free breakfast every morning. The need is based on the number of students who are eligible through direct certification. Broad Acres has a 48% direct certification.

#### **8.0 Staff Report: Doreen Kelly**

- Ms. Kelly mentioned the County attendance policy for COH members: if a member misses more than 3 meetings in a row they may be asked to resign.
- She said the COH follows Montgomery County Public School system for its snow cancellation policy. For example, if afternoon and/or evening activities are canceled there will be no COH meeting. Members should listen to the media for this information if there is snow.
- She sent out a confidential COH contact list.

#### **9.0 New Business – COH Liaisons**

- Chair Russ encouraged members to consider being a liaison from the COH to another board or commission of their interest. He mentioned several members actively serving in this capacity presently. However, there are several boards with no liaisons and COH would like to see these slots filled.
- Dr. Kathy Koepke-Mann, Liaison from the Commission for People with Disabilities (CPWD) said that the CPWD was instrumental in supporting the broader Advocacy bill, currently under Council consideration, to allow more commissions (including the COH) to advocate at the state or federal level on important issues, as long as their position was in alignment with, and had the approval of the County's Office on Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### **10.0 Break into Workgroups**

Chair Russ asked members to break into their three workgroups for the next part of the meeting to firm up the workgroup's action plan for recommendations that they could present to the full Commission for its consideration. The three workgroups are: Accreditation, Communicable Disease Programs and Health Literacy.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

Following the workgroup discussions, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Doreen Kelly*

Administrator, Public Health Services

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

#### **SUCCESSSES AND GOOD NEWS**

- Year-to-date dental encounters for FY16 are 32% higher than at this time last year. A modest increase in funding plus increased efficiency in service delivery are among the reasons for the increase in utilization.

## HOT SPOTS

- There was a listeria incident regarding a cheese processor working out of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethesda. Product was sampled during a contracted FDA inspection by DHMH in August. Results came back positive for listeria causing DHMH and L&R to shut down all food processing in the facility on September 14, 2015. Facility was professionally cleaned, twice, and three different sets of environmental swabbing were conducted. After the third set of environmental swabbing came back negative, an inspection of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church was conducted on October 26, 2015 and was found to be in compliance and approved for businesses to begin operation.
- L&R found out the other 4 counties in Maryland that require "Certified Food Manager" (CFM) certification are not accepting reciprocity from Montgomery County due to fact that the L&R CFM in-house free renewal exam does not have a class component associated with the exam. L&R will either need to cease the renewal exams and require the businesses to go through one of the 4 Maryland approved organizations for renewal or have a staff member certified by one of the 4 Maryland approved CFM organizations for giving the renewal course and administering the exam.
- Maternity Partnership enrollment continues to grow. The number of women enrolled in the first three months of FY16 is 18% higher than the number enrolled during the first three months of FY15. If enrollment continues to expand at a similar rate through the rest of the year, MP enrollment may exceed 2000 patients by the end of FY16.

## UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

### School Health Services

- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 62 School Community Health Nurses (SCHNs) and Nurse Administrators from School Health Services and 16 Community Health Nurses (CHNs) and Nurse Administrators from Community Health Services attended a training on Case Management and Teen Pregnancy. The focus of the training was to provide information and resources to SCHNs and CHNs in the areas of mental health and reproductive health. The knowledge gained by the SCHNs and CHNs will better enable them to assist their clients and families in accessing the help they may need. Information and resources were presented for Integrated Case Management, Teen and Youth Adult Health Connection (TAYA), Adventist Behavioral Health, Interagency Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy (ICAP), the Victims Assistance and Sexual Assault Program, School Health Services and the Crisis Center.

### Disease Control

- In October, CDE Disease Control Nurses conducted 24 animal bite investigations; referring 8 adults & 3 children for Post Exposure Prophylaxis at local emergency departments; 2 raccoons tested positive for rabies. Disease Control Nurses conducted 70 case investigations including 2 confirmed Legionella cases, 1 negative MERS-CoV case, 1 negative Vibrio case, and 4 suspected measles contacts. There were 4 gastrointestinal outbreak investigations. In October Mo Co received 131 travelers from Ebola endemic countries, with a cumulative count of 2,288 travelers since (October 2014).

### Emergency Preparedness

- PHEPR completed the first round of recruitment for an Off Hours First Call List for Nurses operating in the Emergency Shelters. Thus far, there are 11 volunteers on the list. The process mirrors a program PHEPR assisted L&R in developing for emergency activation of inspectors. The inspector policy was vetted with MC Fire & Rescue Services and is now in effect at the County 911 Center.
- PHEPR participated in a preparedness briefing for Dialysis Centers in the County Emergency Operations Centers with OEMHS, Pepco and WSSC, including recommendations for early dialysis of patients for events with notice (hurricanes, snowstorms). As required by Maryland Law and

CMS Conditions of Participation for dialysis centers, OEMHS will be collecting emergency plans from dialysis centers started in January 2016.

- Following discussions at a County Council Public Safety Committee Work Session on senior safety, PHEPR has agreed to take the lead role in writing an Extreme Heat/Cold Plan for Montgomery County. While PHEPR owns little to none of the actual response, the PHEP programs have consistently taken the lead in organizing the divergent response elements throughout Maryland, so PHEPR in Montgomery County will as well.

#### HIV/STD

- HIV Services had a comprehensive Ryan White Part A site visit, October 21-23. The three day visit, by a 7 person team of nurses, social workers and a pharmacist included a thorough record review of 90 client records (covering Medical, Medical Case Management, Mental Health and Substance Abuse) and in-person surveys of more than 30 clients who utilize our services. The oral feedback that the auditors presented on the final day was very positive. We expect the full written report in 30 days.
- HIV Services has a vacant position for Community Health Clinic Technician. The incumbent resigned October 8, 2015. There will be a vacancy for a Social Worker II effective 11/6/2015.

#### Immunization Program

- The Immunization program partnered with the University of Maryland System (UMD) and provided a community based free Flu clinic at the Shady Grove Campus in Rockville, Maryland. UMD provided the facility and a staff of over 100 students and instructors. DHHS provided the vaccine and other supplies. This was the first mass vaccination clinic in Montgomery County with 4<sup>th</sup> year Nursing and 4th year Pharmacy Students as the vaccinators. 690 doses of flu vaccine were administered.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has informed the State Department of Health (DHMH) of the delay in Flu mist delivery from the MedImmune manufacturer. The manufacturer also informed CDC that since two million doses of their Flu vaccine "were not up to specifications," they expect to have to reproduce that vaccine.

#### Refugee Health

- DHMH Office of Immigrant and Refugee Health site visit observations were completed this month. Post conference to discuss any feedback is still pending. USUHS residents rotating through on Tuesdays.

#### Tuberculosis Control

- A new Community Health Nurse started 10/5/15. The other CHN position is still vacant. New Nurse Practitioner position recruitment posted on the outside. The TB Physician position is still vacant (HIV MD and volunteer MDs are covering) - interim MD start date pending. USUHS residents rotating through on Thursdays.
- DHMH Program Evaluation Team identified new annual evaluation project regarding second round testing for large contact investigations- PGHD and MC DHHS TB Program administrators initiated baseline data collection this month.

#### Montgomery Cares

- As of September 30, 2015, Montgomery Cares utilization of primary care services was at 24% of the annual allocation for FY 16.

#### Healthcare for the Homeless

- The annual Homeless Health flu shot campaign has begun. Flu shots are being offered to residents and staff of the emergency shelters and transitional housing sites throughout the County. Shots will

also be offered to staff of housing and service providers at their monthly "Teaming" meeting, and will also be offered to guests at Homeless Resource Day on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Care for Kids

- Staff are closely watching Care for Kids FY 16 program expenditures. Primary care costs for the first three months of the fiscal year are trending 28% higher than in FY15. PCC has projected that all funds in the primary care line of the CFK budget will be fully expended by the end of March 2016 and that a supplement may be needed to meet medical expenses through the end of the year.

Community Health Services

- Final planning stages for the Intense Pregnant and Parenting Teen Case Teaming are underway. Referral process for the intense teaming is scheduled to begin November 2015.
- Becky Smith is now a member of the Healthy Families Montgomery Advisory Board.
- Becky Smith presented "How to find Health Care in Montgomery County "at the New Americans Expo held October 4, 2015.

PROGRAM DATA

<b>Program: L&amp;R Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	256	274	487	624
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	256	530	1017	1671
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	686.5	688.75	688.75	690
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	686.5	1375.25	2064	2754
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	56	70	151	215
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	56	126	277	495
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	976	849	74	10
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	976	1825	1899	1909
<b>Program: L&amp;R Healthcare Services</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	1	0	0	1
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	1	0	0	2
Number of nursing homes	34	34	34	34
<b>Program: SBH/WC</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	
Number of visits each month to the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (non-cumulative)	5	74	517	

Number of clients enrolled in the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (cumulative)	10254	10320	10408
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**Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Number of VFC vaccinations administered	594	1360	1475
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients **	493	1065	1348

**Program: Health Room**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Number of visits by students who return to class after and are ready to learn following health room intervention	N/A	846	43636
Number of visits by students with a health room intervention	N/A	941	49474

**Program: Maternity Partnerships**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Number of CHS/SHS jointly case-managed pregnant teens	0	0	6
YTD number of CHS/SHS jointly case-managed pregnant teens	0	0	6
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Maternity Partnership from Dedicated Administrative Care Coordination Team (DACCT) for case management services	9	2	7

YTD Number	9	11	18
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients receiving nurse case management services	103	82	106

YTD Number	103	185	291
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients receiving telephonic case management services	74	65	78

YTD Number	74	152	217
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**Program: Montgomery Cares**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Patients	4,748	4,613	4,654
YTD Patients	4,748	7,870	10,460
Encounters	5,868	5,526	5,639
YTD Encounters	5,868	11,394	17,033

**Program: MC Homeless Health**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Patients	7	7	10
YTD Patients	7	14	24
Encounters	7	9	14
YTD Encounters	7	16	30

**Program: Maternity Partnerships**      **Jul-15**    **Aug-15**    **Sep-15**

Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	177	147	186
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YTD Patients	177	324	510
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	178	156	166
YTD Patients	<b>178</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>500</b>
Number of teens enrolled	12	4	8
YTD teen enrollment	12	16	24
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	43%	40%	40%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	77	134	201
<b>Number of patients enrolled YTD</b> <i>Noted here are number of first trimester entries for <u>each month</u> (not YTD).</i>	77	57	67
Fetal losses	3	2	1
YTD fetal losses	3	5	6
	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>

**Program: Dental Health**

**Maternity:**

New patients	171	116	113
YTD patients	171	287	400
Encounters	212	172	209
YTD Encounters	212	384	593

**Children:**

New patients	286	231	199
YTD patients	286	517	716
Encounters	334	351	360
YTD Encounters	334	685	1045

**Adults:**

New patients	201	119	120
YTD patients	201	320	440
Encounters	262	265	276
YTD Encounters	262	527	803

**Seniors:**

New patients	176	83	63
YTD patients	176	259	322
Encounters	212	198	143
YTD Encounters	212	410	553

**TOTAL:**

New patients	834	549	495
YTD patients	834	1383	1878
Encounters	1020	986	988
YTD Encounters	1020	2006	2994