



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**  
**401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland**  
**October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Travis Gayles, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Jessica Kronstadt Terri McGuire, and Fabienne Santel.

Members Absent: Brent Berger, Christopher Burt, Jessica Chung, Michelle Hawkins, Linda McMillan, and Jason Woo.

Staff Present: Ellen Segal and Karen Thompkins

Guests: Joan Glick

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- There was not quorum, therefore minutes from the September meeting were not approved.
- The next COH meeting will take place November 21, 2019 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland 20850. The following meeting will take place December 19, 2019 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

**3.0 Health Officer Report – Dr. Travis Gayles**

- Vaping legislation has been introduced by the County Council that prohibits the sale of vaping products within a mile of schools.
  - There is another bill out that would prohibit flavored vaping products.
  - The County has joined a lawsuit against JUUL for selling flavored products to kids.
- An anti-vaping campaign has been started and is receiving funding from Trinity Health's Transforming Communities Initiative.
  - The campaign will be adolescent focused.
  - There is a video contest for teens on anti-vaping and prizes will be awarded for the best video.
- Montgomery County has been selected for the Public Health Associate Program. This is a CDC-funded program training program.
- Planning has started for the National Public Health Week. It will take place the first week in April and there will be a lecture series to memorialize Dr. Ulder Tillman.
- Public Health Services is gearing up for the FY21 budget season.

#### **4.0 School Health Services Presentation – Joan Glick**

- Joan Glick has been a nurse since 1976 and went into School Health in 1991. In 2011 she became a Senior Administration in School Health Services at Montgomery County.
- In 1991 COMAR made it mandatory that there be health coverage for all schools and public standards and guidelines were set.
- Community health nurses and school health room technicians provide health care, first aid, administration of medications or treatments, access to care, screening for hearing and vision, and give out condoms.
- Nurses are required to have two years' experience. Nurses set tasks for the school health room technicians.
- Insulin shots are provided by the nurses directly after lunch. The doses must be calculated by what the child ate. This task may take away from the needs of other children.
- Montgomery County Public Schools have mandatory immunizations. Children grades 7 through 12 must have Tdap and MCV.
- Montgomery County has 100 school health nurses for 208 schools. The goal is to have 126 school health nurses.
- Carroll County, Harford County, and Prince George's County have one nurse per school.
- Not enough nurse staff causes stress and leads to nurses leaving the job. Last year 18 people left merit positions.

#### **5.0 Workgroup Updates**

##### **Vaping Workgroup – Sarah Emani**

- The workgroup has identified a speaker for next month - a high school student that has been working on vaping concerns in his school. The DHHS Tobacco Control Program Manager has also been invited to present.

#### **6.0 Liaison Reports**

##### **Montgomery Care Advisory Board – Sarah Emami**

- Discussion at the July Retreat were on the drop in numbers of people signing up for care due to the political atmosphere.
- Priorities that came out of the retreat are enrollment, maintenance, and outreach to the public pertaining to available resources.
- The Board is worried that new eligibility requirements may lead to people with health needs not being taken care of.
- Mobile Med is running out of medication. Grant cuts are responsible for this.

##### **Mental Health – Jessica Kronstadt**

- It is felt that it would be good to provide mental health services in the schools.
- There was also talk about having mobile crisis centers.

##### **Commission on Aging – Brenda Brooks**

- The Commission held discussions on the senior gap; seniors not at the proper wages to receive assistance.
- The group is also looking into seniors and immunizations.

## **7.0 COH New Business**

- The membership committee consists of Jason Woo, Jessica Chung, and Michelle Hawkins.
  - Interviews have been done and selection memos will be written.
  - After the selection memos are written they will go to the County Council for approval.
- Three priorities were presented to the County Council today.
- The Commission will leverage opportunities as they arise.

**~Adjourn**