



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
July 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Brenda Brooks, Elliott Brown, Christopher Burt, Marla Caplon, Jessica Chung, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Kendra Harris, Nadia Hashimi, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Brittne Jackson, Jessica Kronstadt, Terri McGuire, and Jason Woo.

Members Absent: Travis Gayles, Linda McMillan, Jelani Murrain, and Fabienne Santel

Staff Present: Vanessa Kachipande, and Karen Thompkins.

Guests: Chris Rogers

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS /RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Meeting call to Order and Welcome - Desiree de la Torre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. • Upcoming meetings are on August 20th and September 17th and will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. Attendance of August meeting will not be required. <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Michelle Hawkins to approve the June 18, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Crystal DeVance-Wilson. The minutes were unanimously approved by voiced consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Health Officer's Report – Dr. Chris Rogers presented in lieu of Dr. Travis Gayles</p> <p>Update on COVID-19 response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County continues to respond to the pandemic and is seeing a decline in the number of cases when tracking 3-4 day averages. There are a total of 16,056 confirmed cases and about 750 deaths reported. As of July 9th, there have been no new reported deaths. • The zip code data shows 20906, 20902 and 20904 among the top 10 impacted zip codes in Maryland. • There is a secured hotel in Rockville that has been set up as a quarantine space for individuals unable to quarantine at home. Individuals housed in the hotel will receive three meals a day. The hotel is open to county residents and those who are contact traced through the County. <p><i>Testing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed testing locations are available throughout the County and pop-up testing sites are occurring frequently. • The County has tested about 10% of residents with a goal to test 5% of county residents monthly (approximately 20,000 tests per week). • The County is looking to partner with houses of worship that have a high number of African American or Hispanic congregants to increase testing efforts among vulnerable minority populations. <p><i>Contract Tracing</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County has a 95 percent contact rate. There are currently 70 contact tracers supporting these efforts. More individuals are undergoing training to increase contract tracing over the next few weeks. 	
<p>Post COVID-19 Response and COH Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several letters of support have been sent to the County Council and County Executive over the past few weeks. A racial justice statement is in progress and will be circulated amongst BCCs to produce a joint statement. There are two Community Conversation events coming up next week on Monday, July 20 and Wednesday, July 22. Information was circulated to members via email on how to register. 	<p>Confirm COH Chairs can coordinate with other BCC Chairs on a joint statement- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Coordinate and draft joint anti-racism statement - <i>Desiree de la Torre</i></p>
<p>Membership Updates</p> <p>Vacancy Update – Vanessa Kachipande The COH has seven vacancies with five incumbents eligible to reapply. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 22nd. Members with expiring terms who are eligible for another term must reapply by the deadline. Members were encouraged to circulate the vacancy notice amongst their networks.</p> <p>Membership Survey Update – Governance Committee Jason woo provided an update on the new member orientation survey. Feedback from members was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dividing orientation into more sessions and reiterating the information will help members better understand how they can operate together. Members would like to better build relationships and rapport. Members would like improved engagement with the workgroups for both new and existing members. <p>Potential Solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The establishment of a mentorship program that pairs seasoned members with newer members to encourage rapport. Setting expectations about the COH member roles so they have a clear understanding of their roles. The creation of the COH perpetual calendar. Holding conversations on how to get members involved in the workgroups with direction for new members to serve on a workgroup when they join the COH. The introduction of an ice breaker or something similar at the beginning of the year to encourage members to get to know each other. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>COH Nominations/Elections – Governance Committee Nominations were received for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair. Desiree de la Torre and Chris Burt were running unopposed as no additional nominations were received. A vote was conducted, and the Chair and Vice Chair were reelected by unanimous voiced consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <p>School Health- Alana Aronin A letter of gratitude was sent to the County Council and County Executive for the funding towards the addition of 10 school health nurses. The Board of Education allocated an additional \$250,000 of funding toward a pilot program for mental health services to school children.</p>	<p>Connect Alana Aronin with school health nurse contact-<i>COH Staff</i></p>

<p>The school health workgroup would like to focus on the County and school’s partnership. COH staff will connect the workgroup with a school health nurse contact to discuss how the COH can further support the school health agenda.</p> <p>There is a Community Conversation in development with EveryMind. The discussion will focus on the mental health aspect of school children and their parents/guardians.</p> <p>Domestic violence is a very important topic right now due to students being isolated.</p> <p>Communicable Diseases - Brent Berger The communicable diseases workgroup is considering solutions to disseminate the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination rates are lower when comparing 2019 to 2020. The workgroup is reviewing how to deal with disease outbreaks that may result from an under vaccinated population.</p> <p>Communication is needed to encourage people to continue to vaccinate. The workgroup would like to connect with the County IT department to do social media SOS pushes as a way to get vaccination messaging out. COH staff will review communication vectors already in place and will connect with PIO to discuss further.</p> <p>The workgroup would also like to consider pushing messaging directly through MCPS. Marla Caplon will have a conversation with Joanie Glick to understand initial plans on immunization distribution.</p> <p>Tobacco/Vaping- Sarah Emami The anti-vaping campaign is closing. There are three logos that were voted on. Karen Thompkins will share winning logo with the group. Anti-vaping messaging on will be added on ride-on buses.</p> <p>The NACCHO annual meeting was held last week where Karen Thompkins and Cristina Ruiz presented on the anti-vaping campaign.</p> <p>There has been a significant drop in tobacco use globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Governance - Jessica Krondstadt The governance workgroup encourages members to think about succession planning and to contact the workgroup with any ideas.</p> <p>The workgroup would like to consider testimonies at the local, state and federal levels, as an alternative to penning letters. Karen Thompkins suggested that the workgroup meet with Leslie Fray for information on legislation that is being tracked.</p>	<p>Share anti-vaping logo winner with COH members- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Meet with Leslie Fray on legislation being tracked-<i>Governance Group</i></p>
<p>Annual Retreat Discussion – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Formation of Retreat Committee will happen in the next few weeks. Interest in joining the committee should be sent to the COH Chair and staff. • Guest speakers will need to be contacted soon in order to confirm attendance. 	<p>Send notification to COH staff and Desiree via email- <i>All COH Members</i></p>
<p>Microsoft Teams Update - Vanessa Kachipande COH members were introduced to the shared Teams workspace. A demo was provided during the meeting to show members how to navigate the space.</p>	<p>Send Teams invitation to COH members- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>Adjournment <u>A MOTION</u> was made by Chris Burt to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Crystal DeVance-Wilson seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>