



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Elliott Brown, Christopher Burt, Marla Caplon, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Kendra Harris, Nadia Hashimi, Michelle Hawkins, Brittne Jackson, Jessica Kronstadt, Linda McMillan, Jelani Murrain, and Jason Woo.

Members Absent: Brenda Brooks, Jessica Chung, Travis Gayles, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Terri McGuire, and Fabienne Santel

Staff Present: Vanessa Kachipande, and Karen Thompkins.

Guests: Chris Rogers, and Susan Emery

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS /RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Meeting call to Order and Welcome - <i>Desiree de la Torre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. • Upcoming meetings are on September 17th and October 15th. Both meetings will take place virtually via Zoom and Microsoft Teams, respectively. <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Crystal DeVance-Wilson to approve the July16, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jessica Kronstadt. The minutes were unanimously approved by voiced consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Health Officer’s Report – <i>Dr. Chris Rogers presented in lieu of Dr. Travis Gayles</i></p> <p>Update on COVID-19 response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advagenix, a lab contracted to provide testing to county residents, was issued a cease and desist order by the State of Maryland due to inconsistencies with the lab. The County is reviewing other labs and reassessing their strategy for COVID response. The State of Maryland is supplying pharyngeal (nasal) test supplies to accommodate testing volume in the interim. • 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>The Rockinghorse Center and a facility in Germantown are being set up to offer vaccines for children.</p> <p>The County is looking for new partners for cancer screenings. Any individuals with expertise in cancer prevention education for women, should contact Dr. Rogers for more information.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Post COVID-19 Response and COH Opportunities</p> <p>A racial justice statement is in progress and will be circulated amongst the 19 Boards, Committees and Commissions within DHHS to produce a joint statement. The letter will be updated to also include a cross-cutting priority on racial equity.</p> <p><i>Community Conversations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an upcoming panel discussion <i>A Crisis within the Crisis: Food Security During a Pandemic</i> on Thursday, 8/27/20. More information will be sent on how to attend. • Community Conversations addressing mental health and back to school are in the works. This series of Mental Health and back to school will be held in partnership with EveryMind, MCPS and Children’s National. More details to follow via email. 	<p>Share draft joint anti-racism statement - <i>Desiree de la Torre</i></p>
<p>Annual Retreat Planning</p> <p>The Annual Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, 9/17/20. Time considerations: 2-5pm, 5-8pm, 5:30pm-8:30pm, 4-7pm, 3-6pm. A poll will be sent to finalize the meeting time.</p> <p>The meeting to be set up in Zoom to allow for virtual polling and breakout sessions.</p> <p>If any members would like to join retreat committee, please inform COH Chair.</p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanie Glick will attend to provide an update on School health. • Linda McMillan will attend to provide an update on the budget. <p><i>Potential Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners would like Will Jawando or an alternate Council member to attend the retreat or an upcoming meeting in order to align Council priorities with the COH priorities. County will release priorities in December. • Leslie Fray previously provided information on structure and timing of legislation. Consideration of having her attend the retreat. • Chunfu Liu, County’s Chief Epidemiologist, previously provided information on the data. Consideration to request attendance to provide data update. <p>Other Agenda Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHNA process • School Health • Encouragement for the commission members to talk more about advocacy • Jelani Murrain to provide some guidance on policy agenda • Continued growth of inequities due to the pandemic 	<p>Send poll for meeting time- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Reach out to Council member offices to confirm scheduling- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Send notification to COH Chair with interest in joining the retreat committee- <i>All COH Members</i></p>
<p>COH Calendar – <i>Vanessa Kachipande</i></p> <p>The perpetual COH calendar was sent for member review. The calendar provides a high-level timeline of COH activities throughout the year. It will serve as a reference for COH Chairs and program staff to use when planning and reviewing upcoming agenda items for meetings. The calendar will be posted on the Teams workspace by the week of 8/24/2020.</p>	<p>Review COH Calendar and send input to COH Staff- <i>All COH Members</i></p> <p>Finalize and add calendar to Teams- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <p>School Health- <i>Alana Aronin</i></p>	

<p>Alana Aronin, Brent Berger and COH staff had a conversation with Joanie Glick to discuss school health and immunizations. School health nurses were reassigned to other positions within in the county since school buildings are closed.</p> <p>Communicable Diseases - Brent Berger The communicable diseases workgroup is considering solutions to disseminate the COVID-19 vaccine. The workgroup is reviewing how to deal with disease outbreaks that may result from an under vaccinated population. Communication is needed to encourage people to continue to vaccinate. The workgroup would also like to consider pushing messaging directly through MCPS.</p> <p>Tobacco/Vaping- Sarah Emami The workgroup is working with a marketing firm to push anti-vaping messaging on social media. The anti-vaping campaign videos are also being translated into Spanish.</p> <p>Governance – Jason Woo The <i>Process for Establishing and Managing COH Work Group Priorities</i> was shared with the group. Members suggested the addition of the COH’s mission to the document. Members have been asked to review and provide any additional input.</p>	<p>Provide input on priorities document – <i>All COH members</i></p>
<p>Annual Reports - Vanessa Kachipande</p> <p>The draft of the FY19 Annual Report was shared with the members. Members were asked to provide input on the report by to Vanessa Kachipande by 8/21/20. Report will be finalized and added to the COH website. Workgroup leads were asked to finalize their workgroup reports for FY20.</p>	<p>Provide input on FY19 Annual Report by 8/21/20- <i>All COH Members</i></p> <p>Provide FY20 workgroup reports to Vanessa Kachipande- <i>Workgroup Leads</i></p> <p>Finalize FY19 Annual Report- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>Adjournment <u>A MOTION</u> was made by Jason Woo to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Michelle Hawkins seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>