



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
FY21 Annual Retreat
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Elliott Brown, Christopher Burt, Marla Caplon, Jessica Chung, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Sarah Emami, Travis Gayles, Kendra Harris, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Brittne Jackson, Jessica Kronstadt, Terri McGuire, Linda McMillan, Jelani Murrain, Fabienne Santel and Jason Woo.

Members Absent: Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Nadia Hashimi, and Michelle Hawkins.

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 5:14 p.m. • Upcoming meetings are on October 15th and November 19th meetings will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. <p>A <u>MOTION</u> was made by Chris Burt to approve the August 20, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Elliott Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by voiced consent.</p>	<p>Finalize August meeting minutes on COH webpage- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>COH FY 2020 Reflections - <i>Desiree de la Torre</i></p> <p>Pre-retreat Survey Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths: The diversity of the COH and the varied experience members provide. • To continue remaining effective, members suggested a commitment to taking action by engaging in more discussions with County Council members and restructuring of the COH workgroups. <p>Successes and challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Health workgroup had success through the advocacy for extra towards the addition of 10 school health nurses. • The Communicable Disease workgroup collaborated with the School Health workgroup to investigate ways to improve the County’s approach to managing tuberculosis. The group’s focus shifted following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. • The Tobacco and Vaping workgroup investigated the prevalence of vaping in the school system. Members of the COH were able to provide support to MCDHHS and the schools on a PSA video anti-vaping competition. • The Governance Workgroup was formed in January 2020 to strengthen the operations of the COH. The workgroup drafted a calendar of events to assist with planning of COH activities and key milestones. 	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Health Officer's Report – Dr. Travis Gayles</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted systematic issues in the health needs of the County; exposing disparities in health due to race, gender, location and access to care. The County will continue to use a data-based approach and focus on taking a health in all policies approach to identify pockets of need. The County appreciates the support of the COH in the County taking a data-based approach.</p> <p>FY21 Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing stability which is important for young people, medication adherence, and educational experience. • Modernizing the public health approach by integration of newer technology to improve processes and the County's ability to respond to public health efforts. • Continued focus on infectious diseases such as sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and chronic disease. • Continued focus on updating systems to improve ER standards. • Improving outcomes for maternal and infant health through the creation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. • Unintentional injury prevention (such as injury caused through vaping/tobacco use) <p>The COH can continue their support to the County in FY21 through advocacy. The COH should continue to reach out to County Executive, County Council and to the State by providing testimonies and penning letters to the Governor and/or the MD Department of Health.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>County Council Budget Cycle – Linda McMillan</p> <p>Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst for the Montgomery County Council provided an overview on the County's budget process and timeline for providing testimony. Presentation slides will be shared on the Teams workspace.</p>	<p>Post Budget Cycle slides to Teams workspace- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>Community Health Needs Assessment – Dr. Chris Rogers</p> <p>Dr. Chris Rogers, Policy & Strategy Officer presented on the CHNA process that has recently been approved by the HMSC. The CHNA framework is guided by PHAB and MAPP Standards. This will be a 12 to 15-month process, with the goal of a final report to be produced at the end of 2021.</p> <p>Healthy Montgomery staff is taking a program management approach to the CHNA process and is currently in the pre-planning phase of the CHNA.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for COH members to be involved in the CHNA process through participation in the CHNA committee, and/or assisting with community conversations.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>COH FY 2021 Priorities-Setting- Desiree de la Torre & Crystal DeVance-Wilson</p> <p>Pre-Retreat Survey Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weaknesses: Clarity on what actions the COH can take, follow up/keeping momentum outside of meetings and integration of newer members into the operations of the COH. • Opportunities to strengthen impact through additional advocacy and focusing efforts. 	<p>Priority Setting- <i>All COH Members</i></p>

<p>Potential Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Health • Communicable Diseases • Public Health Data Needs - Expanding data needs and modernizing public health enterprise • Racial Equity <p>Members suggested implementation of guiding values and principles to inform workgroup decisions and operations. The COH would also like to look at the potential to formulate a workgroup without the workgroup focus being an official COH priority. Data needs, modernizing public health and racial equity should be at the center of any priorities set. This will provide the opportunity to focus workgroup efforts.</p> <p>Governance will play a huge role in healthcare delivery and policy and should remain a focus in FY21.</p> <p>A suggested school health priority is researching the safest and quickest way to get children back in school.</p> <p>Priorities will be further discussed and will be set during the next meeting on October 15th.</p>	
<p>Adjournment <u>A MOTION</u> was made to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. which was passed unanimously by voice consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>