



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

This meeting did not have quorum, the items were discussed but no formal action was taken.

Thursday, July 20, 2023

The Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via Zoom on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

PRESENT

Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Yingxi Chen, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Susan Emery, Laurel Fain, Gabriela Lemus, Adam Lustig, Cesar Perez, Betty Smith, Tara Clemons Johnson

ABSENT

Marcela Campoli, Donna Cawley, Desiree de la Torre, Dr. Davis

DHHS STAFF

Dr. Rogers, Meghan Sontag

GUESTS

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PRESENTATIONS

- A. No Presentations occurred.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. September Meeting: The Commissioners present discussed the September retreat, including meeting format (virtual/in-person), the length of the meeting and potential presenters. Potential presenters include Dr. Rogers, to provide an overview of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Dr. Liu, to present data regarding chronic diseases, infectious disease and disparity work throughout the County. Another suggested presentation topic was Maryland's new Medicaid Coverage of Peer Recovery Support Services in Licensed Community-Based Substance Use Disorder Programs. DHHS staff will conduct a virtual poll of Commissioners regarding the September retreat meeting format and presenters. Additionally, DHHS staff will request Commissioners submit any data requests they have (ex: ER visit rates) by early August, to allow PHS to include the requested information in a September presentation.



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- B. Access to Care Workgroup: The Access to Care workgroup is interested in sending a formal letter to DHHS PHS regarding the status of the Colesville Dental Clinic.
- C. Secretary Sign-Up: Commissioners volunteered to serve in the role of secretary for the FY24 calendar. DHHS staff to send out the secretary sign-up sheet, example of meeting minutes and minute guidelines to all Commissioners.
- D. Workgroup Updates: The three workgroup leads provided a summary of what areas they hope to focus on in the year ahead, prior to convening in breakout groups. Public Health Administration plans to continue with request for PHS Data Analyst Position and advocating for bolstering evaluation capacities. Environmental Health and Education will focus on how to educate communities on environmental issues that are public health issues. Access to Care will focus on evaluation in addition to discussing the closure of the Colesville dental clinic.
- E. Breakout Groups:
 - a. Public Health Administration members present: Adam Lustig, Cimo Chen, Crystal DeVance-Wilson. Focus: PHS Evaluation Capacity while also maintaining flexibility to respond to CHNA findings.
 - b. Environmental Health and Education members present: Gabriela Lemus, Cesar Perez. Focus: communications plan and synergies between departments.
 - c. Access to Care: not discussed.

ACTIONS

No actions were taken this meeting due to lack of quorum.