

## Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

### March 28, 2018 Meeting Notes

**MCAB Members Present:** Sean Bailey, Julia Doherty, Stephen Gammarino, Sybil Greenhut, Sharron Holquin, Lynda Honberg, Peter Lowet, Marie Mann, Agnes Saenz, Langston Smith

**MCAB Members Absent:** Betsy Ballard, Dr. Travis Gayles, Mayur Mody, T.J. Senker

**DHHS Staff:** Tara Clemons, Robert Morrow

**County Council Staff:** Linda McMillan

**Primary Care Coalition:** Elizabeth Arend, Rose Botchway, Jeff Goldman, Leslie Graham, Hillery Tumba

**Guest:** Diana Saladani *on behalf of T.J. Senker*, Wilbur Malloy, Wayne Swann

The Chair, Stephen Gammarino called the meeting to order at 6:17pm

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<b>Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2018</b>  February minutes approval moved to April 25, 2018 meeting	Steve Gammarino Approve February minutes at April mtg	MCAB Members	4/25/18
2.	<b>Chair Report</b>  Steve stated the primary agenda items were the County Council grants and the FY19 advocacy process. On advocacy, the meetings with the Council members have been going well. MCAB will need to review the advocacy priorities and align or propose different priorities to the joint advocates.	Steve Gammarino		
3.	<b>Senior Administrator's Report</b> See Report and handout  Tara announced to the Board that the County Executive FY19 recommended Budget was released March 15th and there were several proposed reductions to Montgomery Cares and Maternity Partnership. The total proposed reduction came to \$380,117.  FY19 County Executive Proposed Reductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Shift Montgomery Cares Preventive Screenings to Grant Funding</b> - the CE is implementing the</li> </ul>	Tara Clemons		

	<p>preventive screening savings for around 40 colonoscopies to be covered by the Cancer Crusade. The \$43,320 reduction includes indirect cost of \$3,320 at 8.3%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Reduce Montgomery Cares Contractual Personnel Services</b> - Montgomery Cares total personnel will need to reduce by \$53,575, total including indirect is \$58,022. PCC can choose the position they would like to reduce outside of the dental and homeless staff.</li> <li>▪ <b>Reduce Montgomery Cares BH Contractual Services</b> - This reduction is specifically for the Georgetown contract only. The \$64,000 reduction includes indirect cost of \$5,312 at 8.3%</li> <li>▪ <b>Reduce: Montgomery Cares Project Access (specialty care)</b> - This is a reduction to Project Access/specialty care services. The \$81,225 reduction includes indirect cost of \$6,225 at 8.3%</li> <li>▪ <b>Re-align: Adjust Funding for MPP to Reflect Service Demand</b> – this reduction leaves funding to cover 1,702 women for FY19 (original budget for FY18 covered 1,872 women, the FY18 savings plan reduced this amount to 1,661 women.) We are projected to serve 1,600 – 1,630 women given the current utilization.</li> </ul> <p><u>Monthly Status Report</u> (see handout)</p> <p>Tara reviewed the data for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Montgomery Cares</b> has served 20,227 patients through February, with a total of 46,219 patient visits at the eleven participating clinics. We are still seeing an upward enrollment trend and monitoring utilization related to the current budget for encounters. The <b>Montgomery Cares Behavioral Health Program (MCBHP)</b>Two Behavioral Health Care Managers are out on maternity leave. Jennifer Pauk is providing coverage two days a week at Mercy Clinic and Jani Benitez is providing one day a week at Kaseman Clinic.</li> <li>▪ The <b>Care for Kids Program</b> has enrolled 670 new children from July through February. While the number of new enrollees is 45% lower than this time last year, this was due primarily to a CFK staff shortage resulting in delayed enrollment.</li> <li>▪ The <b>Maternity Partnership Program</b> enrollment through February was 1,045 women, a 10% decline in enrollment compared with the same time last fiscal year. The program served 146 women this month which continues a higher enrollment trend since January.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dental Services</b> decreased the number of uninsured residents served by 4.4% year to date compared with FY17 (from 4,646 to 4,440), and the no show rate increased from 17 to 20%. Clients continue expressing some concerns about how receiving County services could affect them in the future. The average waiting time to see a dental provider has decreased to 9.5 weeks.</li> <li>▪ The <b>Homeless Health</b> program has served 76 uninsured patients and had a total of 167 patient visits Year to Date, a decrease compared to the same time last FY17. Hypothermia season will end March 31<sup>st</sup>. (Hypothermia season is the period between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>, when the temperature is below 32 degrees all persons experiencing homelessness must be housed)</li> </ul>			
4.	<p><b>FY19 Advocacy Update</b></p> <p>Given the FY19 County Executive proposed reductions, Steve opened discussion to the Board concerning what they would possibly to restore.</p>	Steve Gammarino		

	<p><b>Shift Preventive Screenings – Consensus to agree with CE’s recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tara shared that this service would switch to a County grant supported program. Members agreed to the CE recommendation. It was noted that there may be others in the community that may not get access with this decrease.</li></ul> <p><b>Behavioral Health – Consensus to restore a portion, \$25,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members questioned if the Behavioral Health budget a reduction to the program. Tara shared that the reduction to the contract was based on moving from a capitation to a rate based reimbursement. Hillery shared there has been some reduction; however, there was a vacant position with the psychiatric group that affected utilization.</li></ul> <p><b>Montgomery Cares Contractual Personnel – Consensus to restore \$58,022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members discussed the reduction and questioned if it affected a particular position. Tara shared that the reduction was to the overall personnel and not specified for any one position.</li></ul> <p><b>Specialty Care – Consensus to restore, \$81,225</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members noted that specialty care is always a need and the budget is spent each year.</li></ul> <p><b>Maternity Partnership – Consensus to restore a portion, \$31,400</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members noted they would like to support the movement of MPP from 185% FPL to 250% FPL. Given the projected utilization restoring a portion (40 clients beyond projected utilization) will allow for the FPL shift.</li></ul>				
5.	<p><b>County Council Grant Reviews</b></p> <p>Tara provided information regarding MCAB member’s decisions and comments on the grants as well as the FY19 County Executive Grant recommendations. The documents provided included a list of community grants that were recommended by the County Executive for organizations affiliated with Montgomery Cares, and a list of the MCAB members’ comments for each of the Council grant applications. A few organizations applied for County Executive and Council grants for the same program and funding.</p> <p>Tara stated that the Board would go over the main review points from each reviewed grant and discuss if there were any concerns. If a MCAB member has a conflict of interest, s/he was to leave the room during the discussion.</p> <p>The Board discussed the 14 Council Grant Requests and cast votes of Yes, Yes with Considerations, No and whether to approve the amount requested or a reduced amount. A memo with the Board’s recommendations will be submitted to the Council.</p> <p>Board members shared their reflections on the grants process-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reaching a consensus among the group of three on one grant is fairly reasonable.</li><li>It was noted that a number of the MCares clinics face operational and provider staffing concerns which</li></ul>	<p><b>Tara Clemons</b></p>	<p>Compile grant recommendations and submit to Council staff.</p>	<p>Tara Clemons</p>	<p>April 2018</p>

	<p>speaks to sustainability. It would be beneficial to look at these issues across the MCares network rather than funding areas individually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members reflected on the interview process and thought it was a welcome addition to the grants process. It was suggested that grant members read through the grants prior to the interview.</li> </ul>			
6.	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm</b></p> <p><i>Motion to adjourn: Langston Smith</i>  <i>Seconded: Agnes Saenz</i>  <i>Unanimously approved</i></p>			

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Clemons  
Montgomery Cares Advisory Board