

# Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

## January 25, 2023 Meeting Notes

**MCAB Members Present:** Betsy Ballard, Melanie Bunting, Dr. Kisha Davis, Mark Foraker, Melinda Hite, Yuchi Huang, Denise Kishel, Peter Lowet, Helaine Resnick, Diana Saladini, Wayne Swann

**MCAB Members Absent:** Sharron Holquin, Ashok Kapur, Dr. Langston Smith

**DHHS Staff:** Magda Brown, Yvonne Iscandari, Robert Morrow, Dr. Christopher Rogers, Becky Smith

**County Council Staff:** Tara Clemons Johnson

**Primary Care Coalition:** Leslie Graham, Marisol Ortiz, Aisha Robinson, Hillery Tsumba

**Guest:** Susan Emery, Dr. Sonya Bruton, Crystal Townsend, Walter Ware

Diana Saladini, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Meeting held via video/teleconference during COVID-19 pandemic.

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<b>Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2022</b> Wayne Swann  <i>Moved by Peter Lowet</i> <i>Seconded by Yuchi Huang</i>  <i>The motion was passed unanimously.</i>			
2.	<b>Montgomery Cares Advisory Board Chair Report</b> Wayne Swann <b>Troika’s Meeting with OMB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair, Wayne Swann highlighted the agenda and welcomed the new health officer Dr. Kisha Davis</li></ul>			
3.	<b>Health Officer Update</b> Dr. Kisha Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Kisha Davis introduced herself as the new County Health Officer and provided some of her background</li><li>She also announced that Dr. Bridgers was officially appointed by unanimous vote by the Council as the Chief of Public Health.</li><li>Dr. Davis provided an update on COVID-19 followed by a Q&amp;A</li></ul>			

4.	<b>Health Care for the Uninsured Report</b> <b>See Report</b>  <b>Dr. Christopher Rogers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rogers presented an overview of the program updates followed by a Q&amp; A session.</li> <li>• He highlighted the changes that were made to the report to make the data presented easier to digest.</li> <li>• Dr. Rogers announced that Catholic Charities notified DHHS that they would be closing the Silver Spring location and will no longer serve Montgomery Cares and Care for Kids patients for primary care services. Will continue to offer dental services and will continue to operate their specialty care network access to care program.</li> <li>• DHHS is working with PCC and Catholic Charities on how to best handle the transition to ensure access to care is not disrupted.</li> <li>• Members wanted to know how the projected numbers are calculated. Dr. Rogers will investigate it and provide clarification. He noted that next year, the department will work with a subcontractor on statistical projections/analysis on where the encounters should be over the next 2 fiscal years</li> </ul>			
5.	<b>Discussion on developing and communicating MCAB positions</b>  <b>Dr. Helaine Resnick</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayne explained that pre-Covid, the board would have about 1 hour of time during the agenda to discuss advocacy requests and since Covid it has become more challenging due to everything being done virtually. He highlighted the need to come up creative ways to identify decisions and develop better communication tools. He noted Dr. Resnick had volunteered to lead this effort</li> <li>• Dr. Resnick went over some of the issues raised pre and post Covid and how the board can be most effective in advising the CE by making some small operational changes. She highlighted the following: observations/suggestions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Having a standing item on the agenda to cover the interactions between MCAB and Troika</li> <li>○ Providing ample time to for committees to engage in quality collaboration.</li> <li>○ Structure the MCAB meeting to include 20m of breakouts to alleviate the need of scheduling meetings outside the MCAB meeting time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr. Resnick added that she would like to see more communication between the chair and members.</li> </ul>			
6.	<b>Maternity Partnership – Update</b>  <b>Becky Smith</b>  Becky provided a brief description of the Maternity Partnership Program for the new members. She also provided a Mid-Year report, FY23 update followed by a Q&A Session			
7.	<b>Board Development (questionnaire)</b>  <b>Diana Saladini</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diana shared the questionnaire she created to help in identifying opportunities where additional information is needed to help with the board’s effectiveness.</li> <li>• Diana shared a preview of the questionnaire format and questions and asked for members to provide feedback before sending.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Emery would like a copy of the survey to share with the Commission on Health</li> </ul>			
8.	<b>FY24 Program and Advocacy Priorities Committee Breakouts</b> <div> <b>MCAB Committees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wayne Swann asked for an update from the Committees and whether they needed to meet during the meeting</li> <li>Wayne explained that he will be working on putting a document together that includes the identified advocacy priority requests from all committees.</li> <li>Wayne Swann asked the program leads of the various MCAB committees to continue to meet at a separate time of their choosing.</li> </ul> </div>			
9.	<b>February 2023 Meeting and Next Steps Wayne Swann</b> <p>Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be held virtually.</p>			
10.	<b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM</b> <p><i><b>Motion to adjourn:</b> Helaine Resnick</i></p> <p><i><b>Seconded:</b> Yuchi Huang</i></p>			

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christopher Rogers*  
Dr. Christopher Rogers  
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