

Montgomery County School Health Council

September 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

16 members attended:

Gail Warner	Community Member, SHC Co-Chair	Deborah Merke	Community Member
Marla Caplon	MCPS, Division of Food and Nutrition Svcs	Elizabeth Rathbone	MCPS
Stefania Clerici	MCCPTA Health & Safety Cmte	Abigail Russ	Student Member
Karen Duffy	EverMind (Mental Health Assoc)	Daniel Russ	Mont Co Commission on Health
Liz Elliott	MCDHHS School Health Services	Teresa Shatzer	MCPS Dept of Curriculum & Instruction
Joan Glick	Director, School Health Services	Vernon Spriggs	Collaboration Council
Julianne Grothe	Community Member/NAMI MC	Andrea Shore	PTA Member
Maya Lodish	Community Member	Jack Yanovski	Community Member

- The meeting was called to order by Gail Warner. The May 2016 minutes were accepted. Introductions were made as there are new members to the School Health Council.
- Discussion was held regarding the Open Meetings Act, and additional steps needed for the SHC to comply with the state regulations. Liz Elliott provided an overview of the SHC website, which will be made available to the public through the Montgomery County of Health and Human Services website. SHC meetings will be posted on the Montgomery County calendar. Meeting minutes will need to be approved by the SHC in a timely manner.
- Joanie Glick provided a School Health Services update. Anaphylaxis awareness training is done at the start of each school year for MCPS staff, and a large number of staff are specifically trained in epinephrine auto-injectors. Diabetes is also a major focus. There were over 60 Tdap and MCV clinics from June to September that provided some 500 vaccines to current 7th, 8th and 9th graders, to help meet this immunization compliance requirement. Immunet is used by some providers. This year, only injectable flu vaccine will be provided at 3 large HS clinics at Seneca Valley HS, Kennedy HS and Richard Montgomery High School, on Nov 7th, as the CDC did not recommend the use of FluMist.
- Elizabeth Rathbone provided an update from the Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement (OSFSE). The department has been restructured. Child Abuse & Neglect training, available on-line, is needed for school volunteers who will be alone with students. Fingerprinting is required if parents attend overnight field trips. Principals are to work with families, as needed, to help with the cost of fingerprinting.
- Teresa Shatzer shared that Health Education teachers were trained on the new health curriculum. Brianna's Law was implemented, and hands-only CPR/AED is taught in high schools. MCPS has an ongoing depression/suicide awareness and partnership with EveryMind (formerly known as the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County).
- Stefania Clerici provided an update on MCCPTA health priorities. These include a focus on nutrition, technology in the schools, and mental health.
- Jack Yanovski reported on the Ad Hoc Committee report on the MCCPTA Resolution to Promote Healthy Food Sold and Served to Children in MCPS. The resolution has laudable goals to improve nutrition for children. Discussion was held regarding specific components, including vending machine availability, a la carte items, salad bars, and limiting added sugar consumption.
- Karen Duffy shared that the Mental Health Association is now EveryMind. The organization will continue to provide mental health resources to the Washington DC region for people of all ages.
- Liz Elliott shared a report provided by Peter Park. MCPS is working to revising the MCPS Chemical Hygiene Plan, a written chemical lab safety and health plan, to include more guidance on chemical use and storage. The unit website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/safety/health-guidance.aspx> has been updated to provide additional information for safety and guidance related to curriculum activities.
- Marla Caplon shared that there are two elementary schools – Georgian Forest ES and Watkins Mill ES that are designated as community eligibility schools through USDA. All students receive free breakfast and lunch at school. Schools are identified based a 40% or greater direct service enrollment rate.
- Additional topics for SHC discussion include the MSDE Wellness Report, and information related to technology in the classroom. SHC members will provide specific speaker suggestions to Liz Elliott.
- The meeting schedule for the SHC for the remainder of SY 2016-2017 will be December 5, 2016; March 6, 2017; and May 8, 2017.