

Montgomery County School Health Council

September 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Daniel Russ	Community Member, SHC Co-chair	Patricia Kapunan	Medical Officer MCPS
Catie Russ	Student Member	Carey Ostry	NP at Seneca Valley HS SBWC
Peter Park	MCPS Systemwide Safety	Stephanie Iszard	MCPS Stu & Family Engagement
Jessica Hasson	Community Member, SHC Co-chair	Catherin Nardi	Community Member
Alana Aronin	Commission on Health	Sandy Salsberg	Community Member
Robin Brannon	Community Member	Eve Salsberg	Student Member
Mark Hodge	MCDHHS School Health Services	Teresa Shatzer	MCPS Health Education
Liz Elliott	Nurse Manager, SHS	Carey Dwyer	Nurse Manager, SHS
Kristen Anderson			

- The meeting was called to order by Daniel Russ. Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved.
- Pamela Saunders, supervisory therapist with the Montgomery County Crisis Center provided an overview of services provided by the Crisis Center located in Rockville on Piccard Drive. The Crisis Center is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and all services provided are free and they field around 40K calls annually. They offer walk-in services, staff a hotline, have a mobile crisis team, respond to persons experiencing homelessness if they exhibit bizarre behavior or if the weather is extreme and perform evaluations, work closely with local shelters, provide on the scene support if a tragedy has occurred in the school setting, have a residential crisis program with 4 beds, complete school based referrals for evaluation and determination to return to school, and have 2 therapists that specialize in substance abuse in adolescents.
- Mark Hodge shared that School Health Services continues to recruit to fill vacant staff positions; additional orientation sessions are scheduled. Currently, SHS has 17 School Community Health Nurse vacancies, 8 School Health Room Technicians vacancies, 49 year round positions for SHRT that just opened up which would help cover summer school, 19 additional year round nurses, 26 community schools this year that received funding from the state and the blueprint for Maryland, 2 nurse educator positions, 1 nurse admin position open, Principal Administrative Assistant positions open.
- Update from Dr. Patricia Kapunan reviewing COVID and Immunizations.
- Membership & nomination: Jessica Hasson voted in a Co-Chair. Membership list reviewed and anyone interested in becoming a member should email Carey Dwyer at carey.dwyer@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Bylaw Committee – SHC bylaws were last reviewed in 2014; Guidance that the co-chair should not be employed by MCPS or by DHHS will remain to assure the advisory role of the SHC and the two co-chairs.
- Discussion topics of interest to members for upcoming SHC meetings include Montgomery goes Purple, Childhood Hunger Workgroups, and Food Council findings, more student-centered health promotion and health literacy, exploring immigrant/newcomer health, health equity, social determinants of health, activities/actions that the SHC can take to enhance health of students in community, collaborate with private practices to better gauge access to mental health services
- School Health Council Meetings for SY 2022-2023, all on Monday evenings:
 - Sept 19, 2022; Dec 5, 2022; March 13, 2023; May 8, 2023.
- Meeting adjourned.