

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
February 5th, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Brandon Bragg	<i>Chair</i>	X	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	X
Michelle Levy	<i>Vice Chair</i>	X	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	X
Vacant	<i>Secretary</i>		Kristine Cummings	Council Staff	X
Kendell Battle	Member		Caroline Davenport	Council Staff	X
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member		Tondalayo Royster	Guest	X
Loveline Tangwan	Member	X			
Dawn Luedtke	Member	X			
Vacant	Member				
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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Motion to begin from B. Bragg, seconded by D. Luedtke. Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Tondalayo Royster – community member in attendance spoke about their passion around domestic violence. T. Royster is a member of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) and is looking to see what the Board of Social Services does around domestic violence and what partnership opportunities may exist.
 - Board member D. Luedtke provided information on the Victim Services Advisory Board who does a lot of the collaboration with boards in addressing domestic violence.
 - Chair B. Bragg asked to attend the DVCC meeting – the next general meeting is March 14th 2024.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January
 - Chair B. Bragg asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve from D. Luedtke, seconded by L. Tangwan

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary: no additional reports at this time
- Outreach and Communication Committee: no additional reports at this time
- Legislation Committee: no additional reports at this time

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Vacancy Updates and Recruitment Efforts (*Hannah*)
 - Six applications for the seven vacancies were received and all six applicants have been review. Recommendations for appointments were sent to the Office of the County

Executive and we are awaiting additional information on when the confirmation of appointment will happen. If the appointments happen before the March meeting, the new members will be included in that meeting.

- Ongoing Outreach Efforts
 - From Chair B. Bragg – David Engel, the chair of the Commission on Aging has agreed to participate in our March 4th meeting. B. Bragg will be attending the next MC-CPWD steering committee meeting in March to bring back any ideas for collaboration and options for board support. These outreach efforts will allow the board to work alongside other boards and commissions under HHS to become a valued ally and partner in supporting legislation and policy efforts that address issues affecting underserved residents.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for Secretary: the nomination form will be emailed to the board, nominations will be open until the March meeting and elections will take place during the March meeting.
- Outreach Chair: a new head of the Outreach committee is needed now that M. Levy has been elected as the Co-Chair. L. Tangwan will take over as the Outreach Chair.
- HHS related items for the State legislative session (*Dawn*)
 - There are several bills coming up that relate to HHS/Social Services. The following bills were reviewed.
 - SB3: Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration and Permitting
 - HB76/SB18: Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccines
 - SB 35: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – State Supplement
 - HB68/SB76: Continuing Care Retirement Communities – Governing Bodies, Grievances and Entrance Fees
 - SB98: DHCD – Food Desert Study
 - SB119: Legally Protected – Health Care – Gender Affirming Care
 - SB124: Medical Assistance – Annual Behavioral Health - Reimbursement
 - SB141: Smoking Policies for MFDU’s
 - HB34/SB204: Interstate Social Work Licensing Compact
 - SB210: EMS – Paramedics – Immunization Administration – Effective Date
 - HB119/SB211: Giving Infants a Future without Transmission
 - HB240/SB227: Health Insurance – Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plan - Restrictions
 - SB228: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – Qualified Health Plans – Dental Coverage
 - HB183/SB213: Summer SNAP for Children Act
 - HB255/SB223: Interaging Commission on Aging Services - Repeal
 - HB127/SB246: Non-occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis Standing Order Program
 - SB270: Adult Protective Services – Review Boards – Membership and Terms
 - SB311: Maryland Food & Agricultural Resiliency Grant Mechanism Expansion
 - HB403: End of Life Options Act
 - HB407: SNAP for Students

- Based on time leading up to the scheduled hearings, the board may not have time to put a letter together for testimony on these bills. Personal testimony may be sent individually. As a reminder if submitting personal testimony, board members must identify that they are part of the board and that they are not speaking on behalf of the board. Any testimony submitted by the board will be submitted through Hannah as a copy of the testimony must be sent to the HHS Director and the DHS Secretary.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion for adjournment from B. Bragg, seconded by D. Luedtke. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Next meeting: *Monday, March 4th, 2023; 4:00PM – 6:00PM* (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)