

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
January 8th, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS, Council Staff and Guests

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

- Called to order by Chair B. Bragg at 4:03 pm.
- With guests in attendance, the Chair asked each guest to identify themselves and gave each attendee an opportunity to make participate/make a brief comment.
 - One guest in attendance (T. Royster) identified themselves, stating their interest in learning more about the board along with learning about the board’s priorities, outreach efforts to the community. The guest also identified projects around addressing domestic violence as an interest – member D. Luedtke provided information to connect the guest with the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and Chair B. Bragg invited the guest to return to a future meeting to discuss incorporating domestic violence into the board’s future priorities.

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- December: motion to approve by B. Bragg, seconded by D. Luedtke.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary: no report outside of items in unfinished and new business
- Outreach and Communication Committee: no report.
- Legislation Committee: no report outside of items in new business

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Elections for Vice Chair, from H. Shaw: votes received from the December meeting resulted in a tie, requiring a re-vote by the board. Link sent via email to the board – voting opens during the meeting at 4:15 pm
- Vacancy Updates and Recruitment Efforts, from H.Shaw:

- The board received 6 applications from the vacancy posting. Interviews will be scheduled over the next several weeks. For those board members who volunteered to participate on the interview panel, information about dates/times will come from Jenai Bell with the CYF Chief's Office (she will be scheduling interviews based on the panel and the applicant's availability). Interviews will last approximately 20 minutes and be conducted virtually.
- Another vacancy posting will be requested as there are more vacancies than applications received.
- Next Steps for addressing the Action Items from the 10/12/23 County Council meeting
 - Outreach has begun to other BCCs and the general community to attend the monthly meetings. Suggestions from the board members are welcomed as to other ways to meet the action items cited by County Council.
- Letter of support for County Bill 43-23, Crisis Intervention Team
 - Chair B. Bragg volunteered to draft the letter of support and share with the board for review.
 - D. Luedtke identified that deadline is Tuesday and a letter would need to be in by then to be counted.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Legislative Session
 - Tracking bills using the General Assembly website
 - Testifying and submitting written testimony

Councilmember Luedtke led the Board through a thorough explanation of the legislative process within the Maryland General Assembly. She encouraged those interested in advocacy to sign up on the Maryland General Assembly to view legislation. Prior registration on this site is needed to submit written or oral testimony. CM Luedtke also reiterated that the registered method of testimony has to remain the same. For example, if a person signed up to testify virtually, they must remain virtual (and vice versa).

- Election Results and next steps
 - H. Shaw announced that M. Levy was elected.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

B. Bragg motioned for adjournment and seconded by D. Luedtke. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Next meeting: *Monday, February 5th, 2024; 4:00PM – 6:00PM (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)*