



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
March 2, 2019 | 4PM – 6PM
401 Hungerford Dr, 5th Floor, Rockville
MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

Board Members			HHS and Council Staff			
Name	Title	Present				Present
Marquette Rogers	Chair	X		Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	X
Jean Swift	Vice Chair			Carolyn Chen	Council Staff	X
Stephanie Mensh	Secretary	X		Belinda Cervas	HHS Staff	
Kendell Battle	Member	X		Warren Hansen	HHS Staff	X
Catherine “Cat” Kahn	Member					
Chanté Leverette	Member					
Samaura Stone	Member					
Councilmember Rice	Member					

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm.
- Since there was no quorum of Board members, the motion to accept the February meeting notes will be tabled until the next meeting. One edit to the notes was made by Marquette Rogers to remove Spencer Boyer’s name, as he has resigned from the Board.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation from Council Staff – HHS Members: Beth Shuman, Senior Legislative Aide to Councilmember Gabe Albornoz was thanked for attending, and asked to return to make her presentation at a future meeting when more Board members would be present
- Board members had raised these questions, and will be asked via email if they have additional questions for Council staff in future presentations
 - 1) What is your boss’ vision for serving our most vulnerable residents?
 - 2) What are some of the major initiatives that your boss has been working on?
 - 3) How can we as a Board help your boss with his agenda?
- Presentation from Carolyn Chen, Legislative Analyst, County Council, and Grants Manager
 - 1) Legislative updates: Carolyn started with a wide-ranging discussion of how the County Council tracks state legislation and offered to provide the Board with updates at each meeting on state legislation that may be of interest/relevant to the Board, including budget/funding, including community grants
 - 2) Changes to grants process: Carolyn gave an overview of the changes underway in the County grants making process. She noted that only \$118 million in County spending comes from Federal funds and one of the goals of the new grants process is to seek additional state and federal funding to support County programs and services. She

mentioned that small nonprofits can receive training and support from “Nonprofit Montgomery” and the incubator “Nonprofit Village”

- 3) How can the Board help? Carolyn will look to the Board for feedback, input, ideas
- The following New Business items were tabled to the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum
 - State Bills discussion
 - Social Media/Outreach discussion
 - Event planning

III. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Marquette Rogers tabled action items to next month’s meeting due to lack of a quorum

IV. NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, April 6, 2020
Location: 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
Time: 4:00PM-6:00PM

- V. ADJOURNED:** Marquette Rogers, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm