

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
April 11th, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Marquette Rogers	Chair	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	x
Samaura Stone	Vice Chair	x	Vacant	Council Staff	
Marcy Frosh	Secretary	x	Richon Nembhard	HHS Staff	
Kendell Battle	Member	x	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	x
Derek Flake	Member	x			
Brandon Bragg	Member	x			
Chanté Leverette	Member				
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	x			
Geethani Liyanage	Member				
Vacant	Member				
Vacant	Member				
Councilmember	Member				

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm.
- A motion was made to accept the March 7, 2022 meeting notes by Kendell Battle and seconded by Brandon Bragg.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- HHS Staff Hannah Shaw updated the Board Member Handbook for 2021-2022. The Chair highlighted sections on Officers and Attendance.

Re “Officers,” a discussion centered on annual election of the Board Chair.

Action item #1: Keep language “must elect” a Board Chair annually, but consider language for exceptions to an annual vote (*e.g.* in light of virtual meetings).

Re: “Attendance,” a discussion centered on meetings and permitted absences. With nine (9) BSS meetings, members are permitted three (3) absences, noting that a Board Member is subject to dismissal with three (3) consecutive absences.

The Chair also raised the issue of “Subcommittees” and noted that subcommittees may include non Board Members and that the Board’s four (4) existing Subcommittees can help to spread the work.

Action item #2: HHS Staff Oscar Mensah reported that the BSS will receive a Summary of Legislation passed by the Maryland Legislature and the Legislative SubCommittee Chair will review.

- Partnership with Montgomery County Citizen Review Panel for Children (“Panel”)
 Marcy Frosh reported on discussion with Panel Chair Marci McCoy and potential to collaborate to support transitioning foster youth with internship information and to formulate a survey to the youth on their most pressing needs in general.

Action item #1: Board expressed support for outreach to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School internship program and potential for their leadership to provide information on sponsors and procedures to the BSS at a Board Meeting. Marcy Frosh will follow up with Marci McCoy.

Action Item #2 – Chair to share information with the Board about a MASSB Call for all social services boards on April 22 focused on Foster Youth.

Action Item #3 - Support expressed by the Vice Chair and the Board to work with Marci McCoy on a needs survey of transitioning foster youth. Marcy Frosh will follow up and share information with the Vice Chair and the Outreach and Communications Subcommittee for further action.

- No Committee Updates
- Identifying collaborative partnerships with other Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
Action item #1: Staff will request a list of priorities from relevant Boards, Commissions, and Committees and if priorities align for the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (“MCAB”), Kendall Battle will undertake outreach with MCAB.
Action item #2: Brandon Bragg will undertake outreach with the Commission on People with Disabilities.
Action item #3: The Vice Chair will connect with HHS Staff to identify any new Boards created in light of COVID.

III. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- See under New Business Topics

IV. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 2, 2022

Location: Virtual

Time: 4 pm

V. ADJOURNED

- Marquette Rogers, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Kendall Battle and seconded by Brandon Bragg.