

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
June 6, 2022 | 4:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING MINUTES

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		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	x			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	x			
Geethani Liyanage	Member				
Vacant	Member				
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Councilmember	Member				

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEEETING MINUTES

- A motion was made to accept the May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Chante Leverette and seconded by Brandon Bragg.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair asked for updates on outreach with the Citizen Review Panel for Children, the Commission on People with Disabilities, and the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board.
 - Marcy Frosh reported that virtual introductions were made between Samaura Stone and incoming Citizen Review Panel for Children Co-Chairs Laura Brown and Stacey McNeely to discuss the potential for collaborating to support transitioning foster care youth.
 - Brandon Bragg reported that he communicated with the Commission on People with Disabilities Chair Dr. Seth Morgan, who is excited about the opportunity to collaborate. Dr. Morgan emphasized that the support of several boards is important when working with legislators. Brandon will attend a Steering Committee meeting. Swapnika Madhavaram was mentioned for potential support for this effort.
 - Kendell Battle reported that outreach with the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board has been delayed because the contact for the Board has been out.

- HHS Staff sent Board Members an email from DHHS Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Analyst Leslie Frey with an invitation to attend a review of the legislative process and the BCC roles in advocating during in State legislative session. The meeting is July 18 at 6 pm.
- The Chair raised the importance of the Board moving forward with a central email address, with a Board web page to follow to provide a central location for Board information. HHS staff reported that they have looked into how other Boards set up an email address and can quickly set it up if provided with a name. Discussion followed.
 - A motion was made by Kendall Battle and seconded by Brandon Bragg to approve the email address: BoardofSocialServices.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov
 - The Board discussed how this email address can help move towards a web page, including advice from Kendell Battle to keep the community most served by the BSS in mind and make any content accessible and user friendly.
- Committee updates. None available.

IV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Action Item #1 - Outreach to Boards identified as potential partners should continue during the July-August-September Board Meeting break, with reports back once or twice a month.

Action Item #2 – The Chair urges Board members to attend the July 19 briefing with Legislative Analyst Leslie Frey, noting the importance of advocacy to achieve long-range goals.

Action Item #3 - Based on Board action, HHS Staff will create the new email address: BoardofSocialServices.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov. HHS staff will further research Board web pages to determine a best approach.

Action Item #4 - The Chair called for the creation of a Web Team to devise a logo and format for a web page, with Communications Chair Chante Leverette in the lead, along Kendell Battle and Brendon Bragg, whose participation was proposed by Kendell. The Chair further encouraged the Web Team to consider a community survey to help identify the types of information individuals need from the Board.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: October 3, 2022

Location: TBD

Time: 4 pm

VI. ADJOURNED

- Marquette Rogers, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Chante Leverette and seconded by Kendell Battle.

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh, Secretary

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