

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
October 3rd, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 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
Vacant	Vice Chair		Richon Nembhard	HHS Staff	
Marcy Frosh	Secretary	X	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	X
Kendell Battle	Member		Logan Anbinder	Council Staff	X
Chanté Leverette	Member	X			
Brandon Bragg	Member				
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	X			
Loveline Tangwan	Member	X			
Michele Levy	Member	X			
Vacant	Member				
Vacant	Member				
Vacant Councilmember	Member				

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 4:19 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- A motion to accept the June 6, 2002 Meeting Minutes was made by Marcy Frosh and seconded by Swapnika Madhavaram.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair welcomed and introduced new Board Members Loveline Tangwan and Michele Levy and Council Staff Member Logan Anbinder.
- The Chair provided an overview of priorities as outlined in Board’s Priorities Statement for Meeting with the Montgomery County Council:
 - Increasing Opportunities for Transitioning Youth – The Chair described a presentation to the Board by Lisa Merkin (Child Protective Services) and noted that the slide deck can be made available for new Board members.
 - Supporting Greater Trauma Informed Education – The Chair discussed the scaling system and other background information
 - Service Area Advocacy – HHS Staff Oscar Mensah highlighted the role of advocacy for the Board and asked New Members to review the Handbook
 - Boards, Commissions and Committee partnerships - The Chair provided an overview of initial efforts (including contacts established) to collaborate with the Citizen Review Panel for Children, the Commission on People with Disabilities, and Montgomery Cares Advisory Board.
- The Chair asked for the status of the Public Assistance to Entrepreneur Program and Oscar Mensah described the unfunded program which has been functioning for 3-4 years to assist individuals on public assistance with training, schooling, and other support to

achieve financial independence. Discussion followed, including a question about the potential for funding sources.

- Committee Updates – No updates
- Other Items - HHS Staffer Hannah Shaw reported that an email address for the Board has been established and a second address -- proposed at the June 6, 2002 Board Meeting – will also be implemented. Further, the Board is in line for the creation of a web page which will include meeting dates, agendas, and minutes.

IV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Action Item #1: Present Priorities Statement to County Council.

Action Item #2: New Members to review Board Handbook and attend Orientation (TBD).

Action Item #3: Arrange for Yvonne Iscandari, Administrator of DHHS Office of Eligibility and Support Services, to present to the Board on topics including the Public Assistance to Entrepreneur Program.

Action Item #4: Board members are encouraged to participate in efforts to establish and expand collaborative efforts with identified Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: Nov. 7, 2022

Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Time: 4 PM

VI. ADJOURNED

- Marquette Rogers, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Marcy Frosh and seconded by Swapnika Madhavaram.

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh, Secretary

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