

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Tara Clemons, Kathy Ghiladi, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Nelson Rosenbaum, Daniel Russ, Ashraf Sufi, Wayne L. Swann, Shari Targum

Members Absent: Michelle Hawkins, Marcia Pruzan, Gregory Serfer, Tonya Saffer and Ulder J. Tillman

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka and Doreen Kelly

Guests: Seth Morgan, Commission on People with Disabilities (CPWD); Marla Caplon, Director, MCPS Division of Food and Nutrition Services; Howard University Students: Ruth Badja Tchaptchet, Christelle Meli Ngingaye, Valentine Mbogne, Ghislaine Nana Fankem, Krystal Labrew, Lauren Gobern, Yohana Ghidei, Norah Aninta

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Dr. Alan Kaplan made a motion to approve the July 2013 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Mr. Wayne Swann seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by voice consent.

3.0 Report of Officers – Ron Bialek, Chair

3.1 Introduction of New Members – Mr. Bialek asked the COH membership to introduce themselves and welcomed new members Dr. Joneigh Khaldun and Nelson Rosenbaum, PhD to the COH. The County Council confirmed the three new members to the Commission on Health (COH) in July including Ms. Tonya Saffer. In addition eight students from Howard University introduced themselves to the COH.

3.2 Board of Health Annual Report – The County Council will convene as the Board of Health on October 1, 2013 to receive the Commission on Health’s annual report. COH Chair Ron Bialek will present the annual report and the Affordable Care Act recommendations letters that the COH will send to the County Council and the County Executive on September 20, 2013.

3.3 Vote for COH Meeting in December– Discussion related to a COH meeting being held on December 19, 2013 took place.

MOTION: Ms. Graciela Jaschek moved for the Commission on Health to meet on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6 p.m. in order to conduct business. Dr. Alan Kaplan seconded the motion, which passed with 12 affirmative votes and 2 votes opposing the motion.

4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Doreen Kelly, Administrator Public Health Services

Ms. Kelly announced the inclusion of the PHS Chief's Report for August 2013 in an upcoming COH newsletter. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Ms. Kelly discussed the following issues: nursing home surveys; Montgomery Cares and the number of uninsured visits in FY13; dental program; Uniformed Services; Disease Control; rabies; influenza clinics; Women's Cancer Control; sequester reductions; and Affordable Care Act (ACA) preparations.

Ms. Kelly will look into updates that can be shared related to the ACA and influenza clinic dates.

5.0 Discussion: COH October Retreat – Ron Bialek, Chair

Mr. Bialek listed the retreat topic criteria used by the Retreat Planning Committee (RPC) to recommend topics for the October COH retreat. Topic criteria: within COH scope; can be an area of focus for a year; area COH can impact; members expressed interest; and feasible to work on and somewhat budget neutral.

Five ideas were submitted by COH members:

- Health department accreditation
- Hunger in the County
- Flu
- Homelessness and health impact
- Integration of behavioral health and primary care

Discussion followed on the ideas submitted: behavioral health in Montgomery County is being worked on by the Healthy Montgomery Behavioral Health Workgroup and a draft action plan has been submitted with many institutions working on it; homelessness has the "100,000 Homes" initiative that the County has signed on to and perhaps the COH could sign a letter of support for the program; influenza vaccinations and education has a lot being done through public and private entities; there is a lot of interest within the COH to focus on hunger, or food insecurity, even though there are many other groups working on this area; 19 health departments out of over 3000 across the country have been accredited and the COH would be the only group within the County focusing on this issue.

The RPC consists of Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, and Dan Russ. The RPC recommends the COH retreat focus on:

- Health department accreditation
 - Possible speaker
 - Regional health department going through the accreditation process
 - Convene a workgroup
- Hunger in the County
 - Second workgroup
 - Discuss what the COH knows and who to invite to educate ourselves on what we don't know
- Potential for additional task force during the year

Discussion followed: food insecurity and the use of SNAP money and how to wisely use resources; Ms. Caplon mentioned that 1 of 3 families is eligible for free and reduced meals; how accreditation can lead to additional funding streams for the health department as well as allow for more transparency; Ms. McMillan said there is a lot of work within the County on hunger and food insecurity especially related to food recovery, school meals, the Food Council, expansion of WIC to farmer's markets, share tables and database sharing; child welfare went through accreditation and how DHMH recommends that local health departments seek accreditation; county funding for homeless housing positively impacts health, which in turn saves the system; adding a third workgroup to focus on ACA recommendations as well as the obesity prevention recommendations made by the COH in FY12 and see if follow up is needed; additional ACA issues might come up in the upcoming year that the COH could comment on; questions related to whether this is the best time to consider accreditation; request

for Dr. Tillman to give ACA updates at monthly COH meetings; and the HHS Committee will hold an update on ACA preparations on November 21, 2013.

Mr. Bialek suggested the following for the retreat based on the previous discussion:

- Do some educating on accreditation
- Opportunity to break into 3 workgroups
 - Hunger
 - Accreditation
 - Follow up issues related to ACA and obesity prevention recommendations
- Decide on what issues to address at future COH meetings
- Decide on a strategy moving forward

MOTION: Dr. Alan Kaplan moved for the Commission on Health to agree to Mr. Bialek's suggested retreat outline based on COH discussion. Mr. Wayne Swann seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice consent.

Ms. Tara Clemons announced that MedStar Montgomery in Olney would host the COH FY14 annual retreat.

6.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair

6.1 County Council Report – Ms. Linda McMillan reported that the Food Recovery Workgroup reported an action plan. HHS will implement the action plan. Progress reports will be given. The HHS Committee will hold an update on ACA implementation on 11/21/13. Child welfare will be discussed in October. A speaker from the Brookings Institution has been invited to speak about the urbanization of poverty and impacts in Montgomery County. On 10/1/13 Dr. Tillman will report to the County Council seated as the Board of Health along with COH Chair Ron Bialek.

6.2 MCPS Report – Ms. Marla Caplon discussed the summer meals program and how over 11,000 kids were fed per day. Ms. Caplon also discussed an additional 10 new universal breakfast program schools were added this year, bringing the total of schools to 51.

6.3 Staff Report – Ms. Gould-Kostka discussed the following items: the COH FY13 annual report; the DHHS web site updates; the County Executive's attendance policy; the location of the retreat; possible County Attorney Ethics and Open Meetings Act training; and staff hours.

7.0 COH Liaison Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair

7.1 ACA Ambassadors from COH – Discussion took place about the Ambassadors program and the need for updated materials and direction from DHHS. Ms. Kelly will follow up on concerns mentioned.

7.2 Data Report from Minority Health – Ms. Jaschek said that the COH ACA-Data Workgroup recommendations letter would be postponed until the "HHS Data Issues among Minority Health Initiatives and Programs: Impacts on HHS Program Evaluation Efforts and Population Health and Well-Being Status of Specific Communities within Montgomery County" report is distributed.

7.3 Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee (HMSC) – Mr. Bialek said that the HMSC met on Monday night and discussed the draft charter to be voted on at the December meeting. The COH will remain a member of the HMSC with representation. Positions will be advertised to fill for Healthy Montgomery and those advertisements will be shared with the COH.

The HM Behavioral Health Work Group (BHWG) was approved by the Steering Committee. The BHWG action plan discusses: consumers and providers of behavioral health services; coordination with primary care;

information mechanisms; and the coordination of care. The Obesity Work Group (OWG) report is being drafted and should be ready for discussion and approval during the December Steering Committee meeting.

8.0 New Business – Ron Bialek, Chair

Ms. McMillan mentioned the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless and the “100,000 Homes” Campaign. www.mcch.net/endhomelessness/homescampaign.html
300 volunteers are needed for the registry week that will take place November 3-8, 2013. Training will be provided.

9.0 Adjournment

The COH adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Gould-Kostka
Staff to Commission on Health

Public Health Services Chief’s Report August 2013

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

Community Health Services

Dental Program

The MOU between Montgomery County and the University of Maryland Dental School was signed. Dental hygiene students began returning to the County’s dental clinics at the end of August. The entire senior class of 26 students will be rotating through three of the dental clinics. This program is a great experience for the students to sharpen their clinical skills and experience a multi-cultural environment. County patients benefit from longer appointments and more detailed attention by the students. The County mentor of this program is Beth McKinney, an alumna of the University of Maryland. She has been adjunct faculty there since 1999.

Dennis Avenue Health Center

Medical Residents from Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences have started rotating through the Dennis Ave Health Center Clinics including Disease Control, Refugee Health, HIV, STD, and TB.

Planning and Epidemiology

The completed CHIP data repository births, deaths and inpatient visits reports are currently undergoing quality control checks by the team and should be available this fall for HHS programs to review/use in their work and for Healthy Montgomery to use in its community health improvement work.

STD/HIV Services

Barbara Davis, RN, M.Ed and Dale Schacherer, MSW, LCSW-C, have been invited to be members of the newly formed Maryland HIV Planning Group. This group, working in cooperation with the Infectious Disease Bureau of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, is charged with working with the Administration to ensure the Statewide Comprehensive HIV plan is responsive to the epidemic.

HOTSPOTS

TB Control Program:

TB: Shortage of PPD solution continues nationwide affecting the School Health Services Center and the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Clarksburg. Alternative TB screening and waitlists have been put into effect until supplies have been replenished. Adequate supplies are expected to return in late October.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Communicable Disease, Epidemiology & Emergency Preparedness

Disease Control:

Disease Control nurses conducted 42 animal exposure risk assessments in August. 28 of those received Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis. There were 5 cases of listeriosis investigated; of those there were two sets of mother and baby. DHMH results of food tracing and testing is pending. Other increased numbers for specific disease investigations include: 5 Shigella, 7 Legionella.

HIV/STD Program:

In response to a RFA, the Ryan White Year 23 application was submitted on 8/16/2013. HIV Services has been supported by these funds for the past 22 years.

Refugee Health Program

The Refugee Health Clinic conducted 116 clinic appointments and initiated medical screenings for 21 Refugees/Asylees.

Immunization Program

The Immunization program met with Community Health and School Health to plan the 2013 Community-based and School-based flu clinics. Germantown Health Center will have 6 clinics on Wednesdays beginning October 30th and Silver Spring Health Center will have 6 clinics on Mondays beginning October 28th. Each clinic will offer 100 appointments. School Health will have 3 FluMist clinics on November 1st offering 1,800 appointments. All appointments have been loaded into the County's Online Vaccine Booking System. The system will go live on September 16th.

Community Health Services

ACCU/DACCT Team

Monthly Trends

# Pregnant women screened and enrolled in an MCO for Prenatal Care Services	274
# of Prenatal referrals received from an MCO Provider for Care Coordination	157
# of Coordination encounters completed to assist clients access MA services	822

Improved Pregnancy Outcomes

Piloted the State's new electronic notification system for sending fetal & infant death certificates rather than receiving from Vital Statistics as was done in the past

Holy Cross Perinatal Education Program is providing \$2,000, part of the State of Maryland's Office of Minority Health (OMH) funding to reprint the Women's Health Cards and a new Spanish version of the Reproductive Life Plan brochure. (Funding will go directly to print shop)

September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month. The program developed a press release and submitted a draft to Mary Anderson, of the DHHS Public Information Office for approval and dissemination to the press.

Commission on Health

Three new Commission members were appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. They include: Nelson Rosenbaum, Tonya Saffer, and Dr. Joneigh Khaldun.

Licensing and Regulatory Services

Environmental Health

During the month of August 2013, EHS staff conducted 448 routine food service inspections, 29 re-inspections, 121 inspections of itinerant food service facilities and 3 inspections of mobile food service units. Critical violations were noted during 113 routine food service inspections, 50 food service complaints were investigated and 7 food service facilities were closed. The EHS Staff conducted 177 trans fat inspections and found 13 violations of the law. The staff conducted 21 nutritional labeling inspections and noted 5 violations. Five (5) smoking violations were found during the inspections of food service facilities.

The EHS Staff conducted 702 swimming pool inspections, 27 re-inspections and closed 41 pools. The staff also conducted 29 group home inspections, 0 nursing home inspections, 1 domiciliary care facility inspection, 6 private school inspections and 13 camp inspections.

The two EHS assigned to the plan review program reviewed and approved 52 plans for new or remodeled facilities

Montgomery Cares

Homeless Services

On August 1, 2013, the Homeless Health staff conducted an anthrax drill at the Men’s Emergency Shelter in Rockville. With candy substituting for medication, shelter residents were informed of a pending “emergency” and walked through the steps for registration and distribution. The drill helped inform procedures that have been put into place for medication distribution at 24 shelters and transitional housing sites throughout the County.

- YTD data for FY 2014 (July 1-30, 2013):
 - Non-homeless patients 4,687 (15% of budget target)
 - Non-homeless encounters 6,958 (8% of budget target)
 - Homeless patients 33 (8.25% of budget target)
 - Homeless encounters 46 (5% of budget target)

Maternity Partnership Program

July 2013 Statistics

Number of patients referred to contracting hospitals by	141
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	147
Number of teens enrolled	3
Percent entry during first trimester	69
Fetal losses	2

Number and Percent distribution of patients referred by clinics among participating hospitals:

	Number	Percent
Holy Cross	87	61%
Shady Grove	12	9%
Washington Adventist	42	30%

School Health Services

Consistent with the 2012 COMAR 13A.06.08 regulation, 350 School Health Room Aides and School Health Community Nurses received Concussion Awareness training and reviewed their role in referring students with possible concussions/case managing students diagnosed with concussions at their annual Back To School meeting on August 19th.

School Health recently completed the orientation of 12 new Substitute and Merit School Community Health Nurses and 13 School Health Room Aides who will be working in various capacities in health rooms throughout Montgomery County Public Schools. The program is now in the process of scheduling interviews for 34 registered nurses to fill open Substitute School Community Health Nurse positions.