

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2014

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Ron Bialek, Mitchell Berger, Tara Clemons, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Ashraf Sufi, Wayne L. Swann, Shari Targum and Ulder J. Tillman

Members Absent: Brenda Brooks, Kathy Ghiladi, Linda McMillan, and Marcia Pruzan

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka, Doreen Kelly

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Shari Targum made a motion to approve the April 2014 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Dr. Alan Kaplan 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 Upcoming Meetings** – Mr. Bialek announced that the COH upcoming meetings will be held on June 19, 2014 and July 17, 2014. The COH officer elections will be held during the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**3.2 Membership Committee** – Mr. Bialek asked COH staff, Jeanine Gould-Kostka, to give a brief update on the timeline for the committee. Times for membership interviews are tentatively being scheduled for mid to late June.

**3.3 Nominating Committee** – Mr. Bialek announced that COH officer elections will be held during the June 19, 2014 COH meeting. Mr. Wayne Swann and Dr. Rose Marie Martinez will conduct the officer elections and will be in contact with the COH in the near future, to accept nominations.

**3.4 Retreat Planning Committee** – Mr. Bialek discussed the FY15 COH retreat, which will be held on October 16, 2014. The Retreat Planning Committee (RPC) members include Mr. Bialek, Mr. Mitchell Berger, Dr. Michelle Hawkins and Dr. Dan Russ as well as COH staff. The RPC determines the focus of the retreat as well as setting the agenda, and welcomes input from COH members. Dr. Alan Kaplan held a lunch tour of the Ingleside at King Farm facility for available RPC members on May 8, 2014. Ingleside at King Farm has graciously agreed to host the COH retreat, without charge for the conference room.

**3.5 Annual Reports** – Mr. Bialek asked that all liaisons and COH workgroups prepare their annual reports and send them to COH staff Jeanine Gould-Kostka no later than Monday, July 14, 2014. Links to the FY12 and FY13 COH annual reports have been sent to the membership in an electronic newsletter as a reference.

**3.6 Quarterly Meeting with DHHS Director Ahluwalia** – Mr. Bialek discussed the upcoming meeting with DHHS Director Uma Ahluwalia on June 23, 2014. Mr. Bialek will update the Director on COH activities since the last meeting in December.

**3.7 Mental Health Awareness Proclamation** – Mr. Bialek shared a proposed joint resolution letter on behalf of the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC), the Commission on Health (COH) and the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB) with the COH electronically on May 13, 2014. The joint letter is asking the County Executive and the County Council to endorse the joint resolution, which requests support in recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month in Montgomery County annually starting May of 2015 and into the future.

Discussion followed: COH support for the concept of the letter which shows support for mental health awareness; but the timing of the letter is not ideal; and perhaps beginning the process again after discussion at a Quarterly DHHS Boards, Committees and Commissions (B/C/Cs) meeting could allow for all DHHS B/C/Cs to sign the joint letter.

The COH asked the MCAB liaison, Mr. Wayne Swann, to discuss the COH recommendation to have a joint letter from all DHHS B/C/Cs to the County Executive and County Council that requests their recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month beginning in May 2015. Perhaps the process could begin later in 2014 so the request is processed more effectively.

#### **4.0 PHS Chief's Report – Ulder J. Tillman, M.D., MPH, County Health Officer**

Dr. Tillman announced the PHS Chief's Report for April 2014 was sent out in the COH electronic mail. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Tillman discussed the following issues: the approximately 363,000 enrollments related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Maryland; the Maryland health exchange website will now replicate the Connecticut website and will be available in Spanish; concerns with the new website include the abbreviated enrollment period and that Medicaid enrollments cannot be adapted for the site; the new website will create greater workloads for the navigators and it is unclear how those currently enrolled will be affected; and the PHS Chief's Report was also discussed.

Discussion followed on the following: middle school immunizations; family planning services will come from the DHMH next fiscal year; the spike in Care for Kids enrollments; and additional access issues related to the ACA.

#### **5.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair**

**5.1 MCPS Report** – Ms. Marla Caplon announced the summer program enrollment will supersede last year's enrollment. Polystyrene tray usage may change to compostable trays thanks to a pilot program currently underway at Key Middle School. The new trays would increase costs by \$140,000 per year however the updated trays would be recyclable unlike the polystyrene trays.

Discussion followed: dishwashing is only available at the Smith Center; no schools within MCPS have dishwashing capabilities and retrofitting each school would add significant costs.

**5.2 Staff Report** – Ms. Gould-Kostka thanked COH members for promptly re-applying for their additional terms. Former COH member Nelson Rosenbaum's death was also discussed. The COH extended their condolences to Dr. Rosenbaum's family.

#### **6.0 Workgroup Recommendations – Ron Bialek, Chair**

**6.1 Public Health Accreditation Workgroup** – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun reported that the workgroup had drafted a letter and would discuss it with Dr. Tillman during the work session later in the evening.

**6.2 Food Security & Nutrition Workgroup** – The draft letter to the Commission on Aging that was sent electronically to the COH on May 7, 2014 and May 12, 2014 was discussed.

Discussion followed: Manna Food Center will be able to map food insecurity in the near future; and a request was made to change the wording of one sentence in the draft.

**MOTION:** Dr. Rose Marie Martinez made a motion for the Commission to send the amended letter of support to the Commission on Aging (COA) related to a proposal for a COA Task Force to identify gaps in data concerning the health of our older population. Dr. Michelle Hawkins seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**6.3 Surveillance Workgroup** – Mr. Wayne Swann discussed the draft letter of recommendations for the County Executive and County Council to consider. The draft letter was shared with the COH electronically on May 12, 2014. An updated version of the letter has been produced with additional changes for COH consideration.

Discussion followed: additional funding requested but not a specific amount; there was concern that the ACA was not included in the letter since close oversight of enrollment for minority populations is needed especially since there is no plan in place to address this; data tracking issues for minority enrollments in the ACA has not been provided by the State; and how the Health Benefit Exchange should consider the issue of minority enrollment tracking.

The Surveillance Workgroup asked to table this letter for further COH consideration during the June COH meeting.

**MOTION:** Dr. Dan Russ made a motion for the Commission to table the recommendation letter to the County Executive and County Council from the Surveillance Workgroup until an updated letter is shared with the COH. Dr. Sheela Modin seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **7.0 COH Workgroup Session – Ron Bialek, Chair**

The workgroups met from 7:30 – 7:55 p.m. to discuss their recommendations as well as future actions.

## **8.0 New Business/Unfinished Business**

No new business and no unfinished business to report.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

Dr. Alan Kaplan made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m. Dr. Ashraf Sufi seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Gould-Kostka  
Staff to Commission on Health

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
April 2014**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

**Women's Cancer Control Program**

Enrollment in the Women's Cancer Control Program (WCCP) is open again to new applicants for breast and cervical cancer screening. Applicants must be uninsured, low income, and aged 40 and over. The program provides mammograms, clinical breast exam and Pap tests, as well as case management. Through its Expanded Services grant it also provides diagnostic follow up of abnormal results for all eligible County residents.

**HOT SPOTS**

**School Health Services** worked closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Montgomery County Public Schools in addressing a student who brought a small bottle of mercury to school, which spilled and contaminated property and students' clothes. Hazardous materials teams were deployed and all 900 students were tested. All students were able to return to school the next day.

**Licensing and Regulatory Services**

There will be a delay in pools receiving the automated external defibrillator (AED) registration certificates from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Systems Services (MIEMSS) due to a large surge and subsequent backlog of applications. MIEMSS only has two staff to administer the AED registration program. L&R is allowing a grace period for the registration documents as long as the pool owner has demonstrated a good faith effort to register the AED. This does not exempt the pool from having the device on site and available for use.

**Planning and Epidemiology** staff was informed that DHMH found critical errors in the assignment of county of residence in the 2012 inpatient and ER discharges files; select hospitals in Maryland including at least one in Montgomery County had half the expected number of encounters coded incorrectly as "Out of State" instead of being part of the County files. Substantial effort is being made to measure impact of these errant county files and Planning and Epi staff are re-analyzing revised files to see what the impact is on our County rates for Inpatient and ER rates.

**Reproductive Health**

Montgomery County's participation in Title X (Family Planning) will be ending on June 30, 2014. Current County contracts with TAYA/CCI, Planned Parenthood, and Mary's Center will expire as of that date and will not be renewed. The contractors have been notified of this decision. Instead, DHMH will provide Title X funding for services in Montgomery County directly to two of their existing contractors, both of which operate in the County. Family planning services will continue to be available for Montgomery County teens and women in FY15 at TAYA/CCI and Planned Parenthood. The merger between CCI and TAYA took place on February 1, 2014.

Year-to-date information on Reproductive Health (July 2013 -March 2014):

	<u>March 2014</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Mary's Center	52 patients	364 patients

Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington	100 patients	863 patients
TAYA	<u>99 patients</u>	<u>1,228 patients</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251 patients</b>	<b>2,455 patients</b>

## UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

### Montgomery Cares

Montgomery Cares utilization continues to fall below projected levels, although some recovery has been seen in March. Plans are in place to redirect unused program funds toward one-time purchases for medications and clinic IT and medical equipment purchases.

#### YTD data for FY 2014 (July 2013 – March 2014):

Non-homeless patients	23,923	(77% of budget target)
Non-homeless encounters	57,728	(70% of budget target)
Homeless patients	231	(58% of budget target)
Homeless encounters	332	(37% of budget target)

The Homeless Health program has hired a new Community Health Nurse II to work with the shelters and manage the hospital discharge program. She will join the County on May 19, 2014.

### Maternity Partnership

	<u>March</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
Number of patients referred to contracting hospitals by DHHS clinics	131	1,246
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	126	1,214
Number of teens enrolled	4	53
Percent entry during first trimester	51%	48%
Fetal losses	3	18

### Care for Kids

Enrollment of new CFK patients continues to well-exceed prior years. Following is a comparison between FY13 and FY14 for YTD enrollment.

	<u>YTD FY13</u>	<u>YTD FY14</u>
• Number of children newly enrolled:	91	184 (200% of FY13)
• Percent of children referred from SEUs linked to medical care:	86%	96%
• Total number children served by CFK	2,626	2,782 (6% above 2013)
• Number of children screened for case mgt	482	408

### Oral Health

	<u># New Patients</u>		<u># Visits/Encounters</u>	
	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Maternity:	50 patients	608 patients	165 visits	1,402 visits
Children:	110 patients	1,105 patients	240 visits	2,024 visits
Adults:	126 patients	1,201 patients	263 visits	2,196 visits
Seniors:	52 patients	558 patients	134 visits	1,100 visits
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>338 patients</b>	<b>3,472 patients</b>	<b>802 visits</b>	<b>6,722 visits</b>

### Community Health

Silver Spring Health Center and Germantown Health Center have successfully implemented their immunization fee collection during the month of April 2014. Silver Spring Health Center collected

\$97.00 and Germantown Health Center collected \$5.00. (Four of their recipients were medical assistance clients).

Silver Spring Health Center participated in the Washington Adventist University's nursing students' community health clinical rotation. The students reported that they enjoyed and gained tremendous experiences from Community Health Nurses. Community Health Services has two vacant Nurse Administrator positions. The recruitment process is underway for replacements.

**The Commission on Health** approved a letter of support from the Commission to the County Council for the FY15 funding requests for the Montgomery Cares program, as proposed by the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board. The vacancy announcement for Commission on Health position vacancies was released on April 25, 2014 by the County Executive's staff. Applications will be accepted through May 16, 2014 and interviews will be set up for late June 2014.

**Immunization Program**

Statistics for Dennis Avenue March Immunization Clinics:

VFC VACCINES.....DAHC CLINICS.....MARCH 2014.....FEE/BILLING SUMMARY 3/3 – 3/31/2014										
# Vaccines Administered	# Clients served	# Clients eligible for waived fee	# Clients eligible for reduced fee	# Clients paying by:				Total \$ fees collected	# Clients MA billed	Total \$ MA billed
				Cash	Check		Credit Card			
13	6	1	0	2	0		2	\$188	1	\$65

317 VACCINES.....DAHC CLINICS.....MARCH 2014.....FEE/BILLING SUMMARY 3/3 – 3/31/2014										
# Vaccines Administered	# Clients served	# Clients eligible for waived fee	# Clients eligible for reduced fee	# Clients paying by:				Total \$ fees collected	# Clients MA billed	Total \$ MA billed
				Cash	Check		Credit Card			
28	18	1	6	13	0		5	\$487	0	0

**Disease Control:**

MARCH 2014

Animal Bites	#
Counseled	11 CLIENTS
Distributed Rabies Biologics	7 CLIENTS 7 DOSES

Case Investigations	#
Foodborne	10
Hep A, B, C, E	4
Pertussis	5
Vectorborne	4
Meningitis	3
MERS Co V	2
Monkey Virus	1

Outbreak Investigations	#
Gastro	3
Resp	1

**TB Control Program:**

- School contact investigation at a County middle school on 4/1/2014; 126 QFTs done via venipuncture by the team out of approximately 186 identified for screening; incident command model used; operations ran smoothly.

- The outside advertisement closed for the two vacant CHN II positions and applicants were rated/selected to come in for interviews; recruitment for Nurse Manager vacant position in process.
- Exploring options to upgrade/replace existing radiology hardware/software as Windows XP support is no longer available (current system); working with DHHS - IT for security compatibility and compliance.

**Refugee Health Program**

Performed 46 screenings for newly arriving refugees, conducted 127 appointments, administered 58 vaccines and prepared 17 Immigration I-693 Forms.