

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2013

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Tara Clemons, Kathy Ghiladi, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Harry Kwon, Marcia Pruzan, Rose Marie Martinez, Marcos Pesquera, Daniel Russ, Ashraf Sufi, Wayne L. Swann, Shari Targum, Steve Thronson

Members Absent: Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Linda McMillan, Gregory Serfer, Ulder J. Tillman

Staff Present: Doreen Kelly

Guests: Perry Chen, Asian American Health Program Staff

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Marcos Pesquera called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes of March 21, 2013. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2013 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously by voice consent.

3.0 Report of Officers – Marcos Pesquera, Chair

- Vice Chair Ron Bialek updated the Commission on the April 3rd meeting between the County Executive and the DHHS Board Committees and Commission Chairs. (He represented the COH at that meeting.) Mr. Bialek recapped his short presentation on behalf of the Commission that had been shared previously with members. He said Mr. Leggett had expressed a concern regarding reaching minority and hard to reach populations and assisting them in enrolling for health insurance under the new Affordable Care Act. Mr. Bialek said that was the goal of HHS in its application for the Connector/Navigator grant and that we were hopeful that would be awarded and implemented. The goal is to get as many residents enrolled as possible – hopefully 52,000 in the first year. The grant will fund coordinating a cadre of trained navigators and assistants and a number of community partners in each County to educate and assist residents with the enrollment process.
- The Chair announced that the Membership Committee would include Dan Russ and Mitchell Berger, and he thanked them for volunteering for this effort which includes interviewing prospective members.
- The Chair announced the next meetings of the Commission are scheduled for May 16 and June 20, 2013.

4.0 PHS Chief's Report

- Public Health Administrator Doreen Kelly gave a brief report on behalf of Dr. Ulder Tillman with highlights from the March Chief's Report. She said that the March 2013 Chief's Report had been emailed to COH members. It is also attached to these minutes.

5.0 County Council Report

Doreen Kelly gave the following County Council Report based on email from Linda McMillan, who was unable to attend the meeting due to budget season. The Council HHS Committee reviewed Public Health Services and Minority Health FY14 Budgets on April 17th. Currently on the Council Reconciliation list are all the items requested by the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board as well as up to a 3% inflationary increase for DHHS contracts with non-profits, some of which provide health and mental health services. The HHS Committee is going to have further discussion about the Leadership Institute and the requests for additional funding for the minority health initiatives, eligibility screening for medical and income support programs and also an update on dental services.

Rose Marie Martinez said she had attended the Council HHS hearing on the FY14 budget representing participants in the Minority Health program discussions, to provide comments about the proposal for a Leadership Institute to reduce disparities and inequities. She explained the Council's interest in the Leadership Institute proposal along with the request for general support to restore recent reductions in all the minority health programs. She noted that the minority health initiatives would welcome a letter of support from the COH for their budget requests. Discussion followed.

Shari Targum made a motion that the Commission send a letter of support to the Council for the minority health initiatives' FY 14 budget requests. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the full Commission.

5.1 Staff Report

Doreen Kelly requested that commissioners let her or Jeanine Gould Kostka know of their interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. The announcement will soon be sent out by Mr. Leggett's office to request new applicants to fill slots of outgoing commissioners.

6.0 Montgomery Cares Letter of Support Discussion - Steve Thronson, the COH Liaison to the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB) reviewed the proposed letter of support for the MCAB FY14 funding request. He had shared the proposed letter previously with the commissioners for their consideration. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter of support from the Commission to the Council for the FY14 funding requests for the Montgomery Cares program, as proposed by the MCAB. There was some discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.0 Liaison Reports

Commission on Aging - Marcia Pruzan submitted the following report.

- A. **Access to provider care under ACA:** At this month's COA Health and Wellness committee meeting, I mentioned Marcos' interest in the topic of access to provider care under ACA. The Committee sees this as a critical issue that the Commission on Aging should be addressing and suggested that there is a potential for joint COA-COH collaboration in this area. The Committee's concerns include the following issues:
- 1) Unknown actual costs of insurance to individuals under ACA;
 - 2) Coverage for people in the 55-65 age range with chronic disease and who rely heavily on tertiary care;
 - 3) Lack of providers; and
 - 4) Access to mental health care. One member pointed out that it is easier for the uninsured to get mental health care (both immediate and longer term) than for those with insurance, because the crisis center provides referrals to mental health professionals to those without insurance.
- B. **Safety for older adults in transition.** At the May annual meeting, the Committee will be proposing a COA Summer Study on how to address the problem of (older) people in transition—a critical concern with the rapidly burgeoning senior population, in both Montgomery County and across the country.
- 1) How to recognize when someone presents a danger to him/herself
 - 2) Actions that can be taken
 - 3) Ethical considerations of taking action

- 4) Standards of care—what is being done elsewhere across the country to address the many relevant problems, including: falls, fire safety, cognitive decline, and the burden on caregivers.

8.0 Presentation on ACA & Electronic Medical Records – Chair Marcos Pesquera introduced **Arumani Manisundaram**, Director of Connected Health, ACES, with Adventist Healthcare and formerly with National Cancer Institute. Mr. Manisundaram gave an informative presentation to the commissioners regarding the many issues around sharing patient information from electronic health records through the new statewide Health Information Exchange.

9.0 Workgroup Session – In the interest of time, the Chair and Vice chair suggested they look for common themes and proposed action steps among the 4 workgroups prior to the next meeting and continue this discussion at that May meeting. The four work groups include: **Access to Care Workgroup, Data Workgroup, Prevention Workgroup** and the **Obesity/Cardio Vascular Disease Workgroup**.

10.0 Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Kelly, Administrator Public Health Services

Chief's Monthly Report for March 2013
Public Health Services

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

Montgomery County is one of the healthiest counties for 4th year according to RWJF/CHR. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released its 2013 County Health Rankings on March 20, 2013. For the 4th year in a row, Montgomery County remains at the top, as the second highest ranking in Maryland (behind Howard County). Visit www.HealthyMontgomery.org to view a summary of the Montgomery County results, the full Maryland State Report, and other related County Health Ranking web links.

Montgomery County Cancer Crusade

County Executive Leggett issued a proclamation in observance of March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month in the County, at the request of the Montgomery County Cancer Crusade Program (MCCC). MCCC staff sponsored a "Get a Check Up" Colon Cancer Awareness Day, March 15th, providing education and information on Colon Cancer at the Executive Office Building. Staff presented information on risk factors, symptoms, screening recommendations and screening services provided by MCCC, and hosted a display table featuring a model of a colon with colorectal polyps, as well as bi-lingual education brochures and information on genetic testing for Lynch Syndrome.

School Health - On Friday, March 1st, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius joined DHHS Director Uma Ahluwalia and MCPS Superintendent Dr. Joshua Starr for a visit to Rolling Terrace Elementary School in Takoma Park. They visited the preschool and Head Start classrooms to talk with children and teachers and to visit the School Based Health and Wellness Center (SBHC). They highlighted the importance of early learning and the need for SBHCs. Ms. Sebelius expressed her strong support for SBHCs and the positive impact they have on the health of students in public schools.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Dental Services:

- Maternity Dental: A total of 593 maternity clients (85% of the target) were seen at the dental clinics.
- Children's Dental: A total of 1095 children (55% of the target) were seen at the dental clinics.
- Adult Seniors' Dental at Piccard – 594 adult seniors (85% of the target) were seen at Piccard Drive Dental Clinic.
- The Community Health Services Administrative Specialist in collaboration with Dental Program is evaluating its fee collection procedures to assure compliance with the recently approved DHHS fee collection policy. .

Rabies risk assessment-- Disease Control conducted 12 risk assessments for rabies, 3 received rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). In addition, as a part of a larger investigation linked to a rabies death in the state, 27 risk assessments were conducted at the work site. One received rabies PEP.

Pertussis - As a follow-up to the increased number of pertussis cases in 2012, Disease Control, in partnership with Montgomery Cares, School Health, and Community Health will be offering Tdap to household members of newborns case managed in our clinics. The vaccine will be given at the two health centers and at Dennis Avenue Health Center free of charge.

Outbreaks -- There were 4 outbreaks in March, all gastroenteritis. These were in long-term care and/or assisted living. Six Legionellosis investigations were conducted this March, as compared to 2 last year at the same time. Other investigations to note: 4 Hepatitis A cases; 2 infant botulism cases.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

PHEPRP led the following two major workshops during March, 2013:

March 19, 2013, An Overview of Montgomery County Public Health Emergency Shelters During a Natural or Man-made Disaster, to provide training to Maryland Professional Volunteer Corp (Maryland Responds) Nurses regarding emergency shelter roles and procedures within Montgomery County, MD. 45 Maryland Responds RNs from all over the state of Maryland attended this 2-hr workshop. The evaluations of the workshop were excellent! Nurse Leaders from Maryland DHHS, Maryland State Board of Nursing, Montgomery College, and even surrounding county health departments were in attendance.

March 20, 2013, *The Johns Hopkins RAPID Psychological First Aid*, to provide training to Montgomery County public health professionals with the concepts and skills associated with Psychological First Aid. 49 Montgomery County Public Health RNs and Social Workers attended this 6-hr workshop. Using the RAPID model (Reflective Listening, Assessment, Prioritization, Intervention, and Disposition), this training prepared our public health staff to respond in times of emergencies with perspective on injuries and trauma that are beyond those that are physical in nature (e.g., mass disaster venues, accidents, community violence, etc.).

Refugee Health Clinic conducted 152 clinic appointments to screen 31 asylees and 6 Refugees during the month of March 2013. **Immunization Program** reviewed 1,891 immunizations records at 43 private schools and completed the Private School Immunization Survey.

TB Control Program - Nursing staff attended the Annual State TB training along with staff from DHMH and others from around the State and celebrated National TB Awareness Day with the theme "Stop TB in our Lifetime."

Licensure and Regulatory Services - The EHS Staff in Licensure and Regulatory Services conducted 738 routine food service inspections, 40 re-inspections, 5 mobile unit inspections and 12 itinerant food service inspections. Itinerant food service inspections will continue to increase significantly as we move into the spring and summer. Critical violations were found during 137 food service inspections. Five (5) food service facilities were closed and re-opened when the critical violations were corrected. Forty-two (42) food service complaints were investigated. There were no food-borne outbreak investigations in March. The EHS Staff conducted 281 Trans fat inspections and noted 12 violations. Fifty-eight (58) nutritional labeling inspections were conducted and five (5) violations noted. Six (6) smoking violation were noted during routine food service inspections. Fourteen plans for new food service facilities were reviewed and approved.

The EHS Staff inspected 35 group homes, 4 nursing homes, 3 domiciliary care facilities, 5 private schools and 19 swimming pools. Nine (9) rat complaints were investigated and 5 violations noted. There were no "harm done" deficiencies in health care facilities noted this month.

Montgomery Cares Program

Year to date utilization data for FY 2013 (July 2012 – February 2013):

- o Non-homeless patients 22,781 (71% of budget target)
- o Non-homeless encounters 54,944 (64% of budget target)

Maternity Partnership Program

	<u>Feb 2013</u>	<u>FY 13 YTD</u>
Number of patients referred to contracting hospitals	150	1153
New patients enrolled in prenatal care	141	1104
Number of teens enrolled	9	49
Percent entry during first trimester	53%	55%
Fetal losses	0	8

We are awaiting release of the Open Solicitation for Maternity Partnership contracts beginning July 1, 2013. Anticipated release date is on/after April 5, 2013. We are working collaboratively with CD&E staff to facilitate distribution of Tdap vaccine for partners and other family members of women enrolled in the Maternity Partnership program.

Reproductive Health Program - Patients served through the Reproductive Health program:

	<u>Feb 2013</u>	<u>FY13 YTD</u>	
		Number	Percent
TAYA	118	1406	55%
Planned Parenthood	120	914	36%
Mary's Center	<u>18</u>	<u>247</u>	9%
TOTAL	256	2557	

The FY13 Reproductive Health contracts were recently revised to accommodate language changes required by the State. The most significant of these changes is the requirement that State funds be used to serve any patient that presents at any of the contracted sites, not just those patients who are Montgomery County residents. This requirement will result in an increase in the number of patients served with State funds in FY13 and into the future. A second contract amendment is in process. This "amended amendment" further clarifies requirements regarding reporting and about referral of patients for services not available at contractor sites.

CHIP data repository work resumes. Planning and Epidemiology has resumed work on the Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) data repository. Ms. Kasey Chen joined the team as its SAS Programmer in December 2012; since then, the team has successfully incorporated the 2010 revised birth certificate data sets in the CHIP data repository, restructured the development of birth indicators that were needed, and in the process, identified significant reporting problems that accounted for a striking drop in percent of County Births where the mother received early (first trimester) prenatal care from 80% pre-2010 to only 40% after 2010 with the new birth certificate. One hospital was identified with substantial reporting challenges in 2010 that led to 99.5% of its births with no entry for month prenatal care was initiated. To remedy and revise the flawed metric that is used by many programs and initiatives inside and outside HHS, Planning and Epidemiology staff is working with the hospital and hopes to have a strategy to implement to correct the past records (2010-2011) and ensure accurate records going forward.

Adolescent health (YRBS) data at county level being compiled in County schools this spring. Currently the Maryland Youth Tobacco and Risk Behavior Survey is being administered in MCPS middle school and high school classrooms. This is the first time county-level data will be available on a wide range of health behavior, risk behavior, and tobacco/substance use and will be provided to the County by December 2013. Data will be collected every other year by Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene after previously being administered at the state-level only by the Maryland State Department of Education. These indicators will be valuable additions to HHS programs, Healthy Montgomery, policymakers, and others who work to improve population-based health and well-being in the community for years to come.

HOT SPOTS

The Montgomery County Cancer Crusade has received referrals for such a large number of uninsured Montgomery County residents interested in screenings for colorectal cancer that it is currently at capacity. The program notified referring clinics and other medical provider partners that it is unable to accept any additional referrals, as of 4/1/13, for this fiscal year. The program is hopeful that it will be able to provide the screenings for the large number of residents it currently has on its interest list.