

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2014

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Kathy Ghiladi, Michelle Hawkins, Alan Kaplan, Joneigh Khaldun, Pierre-Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Sheela Modin, Marcia Pruzan, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Ashraf Sufi, Wayne L. Swann and Ulder J. Tillman

Members Absent: Brenda Brooks, Tara Clemons, Graciela Jaschek, Nelson Rosenbaum and Shari Targum

Staff Present: Jeanine Gould-Kostka, Doreen Kelly and Helen Lettlow

Guests: Dourakine Rosarion, DHHS Special Assistant, Office of the Director; Tai Do and Darlene Smallman, USUHS and; Aminat Jimoh, Howard University nursing student

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Ron Bialek called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. upon reaching a quorum.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wayne Swann made a motion to approve the December 2013 Commission on Health (COH) meeting minutes. Dr. Rose Marie Martinez 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 February 20, 2014 and March 20, 2014. The March meeting will be used for liaison updates as well as a work session for workgroups to develop action steps and recommendations.

Due to multiple conflicts Mr. Bialek asked the membership to consider voting to change the April 17, 2014 COH meeting to April 24, 2014. Dr. Dan Russ made a motion to reschedule the April Commission on Health meeting to be held on April 24, 2014. Dr. Alan Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

3.2 Proposed Letter to the County Executive and County Council – During the December 2013 COH meeting, Mr. Bialek discussed the possibility of the COH sending a letter to the County Executive and to the County Council outlining the importance of focusing on social determinants of health when considering legislation and proposed budgets. Mr. Mitchell Berger drafted a letter, which was shared with the COH electronically prior to the January 2014 COH meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Marcia Pruzan to approve the draft letter for submission to the County Executive and the County Council. Mr. Swann seconded the motion, which was then brought up for discussion.

Discussion followed: possible edits requested to more clearly state the objective of the letter; differing opinions within the COH on the style of the letter as evolving narrative versus a more direct statement letter; and the need to add that the COH in their advisory role will look at social determinants of health whenever advising on budget issues.

Mr. Swann offered an amended motion to accept the draft letter with edits to clarify the purpose of the letter and to allow the Commission on Health chair to work with a smaller group of COH members to produce a final letter to be sent to the County Executive and the County Council. Dr. Joneigh Khaldun seconded the motion. The amended motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Tonya Saffer and Dr. Martinez will work with Mr. Berger, Mr. Bialek, Dr. Russ and COH staff Ms. Gould-Kostka to finalize the letter.

3.3 Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting – Mr. Bialek and Mr. Swann gave a brief update on the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) meeting held on January 7, 2014.

The MHAC plans to write a letter indentifying common concerns individuals with behavioral health challenges face. The MHAC would like other boards, committees and commissions to sign on to the letter. The COH will wait to see the proposed letter and look for feedback before signing the letter. The COH can send a letter of support related to the MHAC letter if need be at a later date.

3.4 Update on Healthy Montgomery – Mr. Bialek discussed the public comment period for the Healthy Montgomery action plan reports from the Behavioral Health and Obesity Work Groups closes on January 31, 2014. COH members were encouraged to respond to the reports as individuals.

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

Dr. Tillman announced the PHS Chief's Report for December 2013 will be sent out in the COH electronic mail on January 22, 2014 for review. The report is also included at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Tillman discussed the following issues: food recovery grants totaling \$75,000; employee influenza vaccinations; smoke detector screenings; Montgomery Cares visits to date; exposure to a rabid kitten at an animal shelter; *Legionella* investigation; lead poisoning; and the merging of Teen and Young Adult Health Connection (TAYA) is merging with Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI) on February 1, 2014.

5.0 Reports – Ron Bialek, Chair

5.1 County Council Report – Ms. Linda McMillan said that the County Council is back in session. The HHS Committee will be discussing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Discussion followed: Triple Aim (<http://www.ihl.org/offerings/initiatives/tripleaim/pages/default.aspx>) and how the COH should consider a future session related to it; agricultural zone changes related to composting; food recovery grants; and the upcoming budget cycle.

5.2 Staff Report – Ms. Gould-Kostka discussed: the need to appoint two COH members to serve as the Membership Committee and requested volunteers; COH members up for re-appointment may not serve on the Membership Committee; written liaison reports are requested for any COH liaison wishing to present a report during the March 20, 2014 COH meeting; and final reports from the workgroups and liaisons will be due prior to the July 17, 2014 COH meeting for inclusion in the COH FY14 annual report.

6.0 Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation Update – Ron Bialek, Chair

Mr. Bialek introduced Dourakine Rosarion, DHHS Special Assistant, Office of the Director, and thanked her for agreeing to present and update on the ACA implementation.

Ms. Rosarion shared a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached at the end of these minutes.

Ms. Rosarion discussed the following topics: very busy enrollment activities; due to online glitches, paper applications were used for three months; the process has transitioned to offering online applications when the system is working or offering paper application to be completed at home and mailed; navigators are available to help residents complete the application process; there is a spreadsheet created for each applicant that must match to the state application and then the insurance provider contacts the applicant to complete the process; retroactive enrollment to January 1, 2014 is only available for those who apply for it by January 21, 2014; the phone waits can be as long as 1-2 hours to get through to the call center; state-wide numbers are provided on the slides for enrollment; need to pinpoint community outreach in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties; disparities are increasing for Spanish-speaking communities due to the lack of bilingual navigators and website; there are four Spanish-speaking navigators in Montgomery County; lack of behavioral health providers who accept insurance; there will still be the need for uninsured adults to be seen through Montgomery Cares; and an anticipated spike in applications is anticipated in March 2014.

Mr. Bialek thanked Ms. Rosarion for presenting to the COH.

7.0 Workgroup Session – Ron Bialek, Chair

Mr. Bialek asked the COH workgroups to further clarify their work plans and reminded everyone that workgroup reports will be presented during the July 2014 COH meeting for inclusion in the FY14 COH annual report.

8.0 New Business

Dr. Michelle Hawkins asked about the County Executive's budget forums as well as the County Council forums related to budget. Ms. Gould-Kostka will continue to send reminders for the forums as well as the budget cycle calendar in an upcoming electronic newsletter.

9.0 Adjournment

Dr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:12 p.m. Dr. Russ 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
December 2013**

SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS

Food Recovery Program completed the review of the initial round of grant applications. Ten grants were awarded totaling \$75,000; and two applications were denied for failure to demonstrate relationship to overall food recovery mission. Next steps are now in process and include drafting an informal solicitation to competitively select a program coordinator.

The first reporting period statistics for **Employee Influenza Vaccinations** were submitted to DHMH: 77% of covered County employees were vaccinated, 10.5% documented refusal, and 12% didn't respond to the policy.

Community Health Nurse Pat Wellington volunteers in her spare time as an EMT with the Montgomery County Fire Department. She was able to provide fire/smoke detectors to mothers who did not have them. This is a valuable resource since the winter weather brings very cold temperatures, power outages and people frequently turn to alternative heat sources. Many mothers live in basement apartments without smoke detectors. During their screening process and home visits, community health nurses learn of families who need this help to prevent loss of life in case of a fire.

Montgomery Cares Program YTD data for FY2014 (July -November, 2013):

○ Non-homeless patients	18,483	(57% of budget target)
○ Non-homeless encounters	33,834	(39.5% of budget target)
○ Homeless patients	144	(36% of budget target)
○ Homeless encounters	205	(23% of budget target)

HOT SPOTS

Disease Control:

There were two large outbreak investigations conducted in December that are ongoing:

- Varicella in a day care involved 8 cases, three staff and 5 children. January 3 will be the end of the incubation period. There were two child care settings exposed. County nurses went to both sites and conducted assessments for susceptible staff and children. Titers were drawn and vaccine was given as indicated. A Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences (USUHS) resident was involved in this investigation.
- Gastroenteritis outbreak in a long term care facility involved 20 cases (staff and residents). This was reported 12/30. Control measures were recommended and specimens were requested. (Looks, at this time, like Norovirus.)

A resident of another long term care facility was diagnosed with Hepatitis A. Contact investigation is ongoing. County nurse has recommended control measures and enhanced surveillance. Immunoglobulin is recommended.

A rabid kitten investigation involved interviewing 43 individuals who may have had exposure to the kitten while at the shelter or the vet practice (police, shelter staff, volunteers, vet clinic staff and other). 27 received post exposure prophylaxis. A USUHS resident assisted with this investigation.

Disease Control staff conducted a Legionella investigation in a long term care facility. There is one confirmed case. Investigation included water testing at the facility. A DHMH epidemiologist, a private contractor, L&R EHS, and Disease Control staff met at the facility to do water testing to determine status of potable water supply and remediation measures.

Lead Prevention and Case Management

Angeline Bell, CHN, who does follow up for County children with high lead levels found high lead levels recently in children of East Indian heritage. One family had levels that were going up instead of down. The DHMH inspector was asked to test paint and imported spices used in the religious and cultural practices. The kumkum powder tested positive for lead. According to the DHMH inspector there is concern in particular for imported powders with additives. Community Health is exploring providing education regarding this danger with the help of Indian religious leaders and school health.

Montgomery Cares

Appointment wait times have increased for some of the Montgomery Cares participating provider sites as a result of the conversion to electronic health records. Also, two providers were temporarily not accepting new patients, due to the EHR conversion and short staffing over the holidays.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Refugee and Immunization Programs:

The Immunization Program engaged in policy and procedure development for billing and fee collection of Vaccine for Children (VFC) vaccine administration. In preparation for launch, messaging on the County website and 311 was changed to reflect new billing and fee collection policy. The Immunization Program participated in the Billing and Claims Management Workgroup, attending 5 meetings in December.

In December, Refugee Health initiated 27 screenings, conducted 118 appointments, and administered 65 immunizations. 315 Flu immunizations were given by Community Health nurses during December at the Germantown and Silver Spring Health Centers.

<u>Maternity Partnership</u> Program	<u>November</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	131	698
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	108	681
Number of teens enrolled	8	27
Percent entry during first trimester	49%	46%
Fetal losses	4	11

Reproductive Health Program Data (July-November, 2013):

	<u>November 2013 Year to Date</u>	
Mary’s Center	17 visits	156 visits
Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington	101 visits	520 visits
TAYA	<u>136 visits</u>	<u>893 visits</u>
TOTAL	254 visits	1,569 visits

Oral Health Program

	New patients:		Encounters:	
	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Maternity:	59	423 patients	169	850 visits
Children:	115	694 patients	239	1,136 visits
Adults:	123	763 patients	228	1,273 visits
Seniors:	54	365 patients	110	619 visits
TOTAL:	351	2,245 patients	746	3878 visits

Licensure and Regulatory

During the month of December 2013, the Environmental Health Staff (EHS) in Licensure and Regulatory Services conducted 574 routine food service inspections, 40 re-inspections, 4 mobile unit inspections and 22 itinerant food service inspections. Critical violations were found during 95 food service inspections. Four (4) food service facilities were closed and re-opened when the critical violations were corrected. Thirty-eight (38) food service complaints were investigated. There was 1 food-borne team investigation for food illness complaints. The EHS Staff conducted 228 Tran’s fat inspections and noted 4 violations. Forty-seven (47)

nutritional labeling inspections were conducted and three (3) violations noted. Eleven (11) smoking violations were noted during routine food service inspections.

The EHS Staff inspected 15 group homes, no nursing homes, 3 domiciliary care facilities, 4 private schools and 18 swimming pools. One rat complaint was investigated and 1 violation noted. There were no harm done deficiencies noted this month.

Thirty-five (35) plans for food service facilities and pools were reviewed and approved.

Care Coordination Client Services Report (December 2013)

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	Yr to date
• Clients screened and enrolled in an MCO	729	698	1427
• Adolescents up to age 18 enrolled	21	18	39
• Number of prenatal referrals from an MCO	449	461	910
• Number of Care Coordination encounters completed	1821	2249	4070

Margaret Worthy, RN, joined the Silver Spring Health Center as the new nurse administrator December 2, 2013.

Affordable Care Act Update

- **Maryland Health Connection**
 - Manual Enrollment Processes

- **Retroactive Enrollment Process**
 - Goal: January/February 2014 coverage
 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to contact applicants
 - Residents to call **1-800-396-1961** by **January 21** (5pm)
 - Connector Entities to facilitate enrollment process
 - Premium payment must be completed by **2/15/14**

- **Pending Legislation**
 - Senate Bill 134
 - Will move forward for consideration

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Affordable Care Act Update (continued)

- **Enrollment Totals**
 - **174,381** (as of 1/14/14)
 - 91,570 PAC Conversion
 - 22,512 Qualified Health Plans
 - 60, 299 Expanded Medicaid
 - Capital Region Enrollments

- **Goal: 260,000 Enrollments (Year-One)**

- **Increased Outreach**

- **Enrollment Locations**

- **Anticipated Spike: March 2014**
 - HHS/Partner Coordination
 - Employees

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Affordable Care Act Update (continued)

- **Next Steps**
 - Re-negotiation of Existing Contact
 - Year-Two of ACA Implementation
 - Application process
 - System Functionality
 - Jurisdiction
 - Budget