MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland
October 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Brandie Armijo, Brent Berger, Brenda Brooks, Jessica Chung, Maya Das, Desiree de la Torre, Travis Gayles, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Jessica Kronstadt, Linda McMillan, Tonya Saffer, and Fabienne Santel.
Members Absent:	Sean Bailey, Marla Caplon, Heather Deckert, Kenneth Goldstein, Kathy Mann Koepke, Jacqueline Smith, Ashim Subedee, and Jason Woo.
Staff Present:	Ellen Segal and Karen Thompkins.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Vice Chair Fabienne Santel called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- A motion to approve the September 2018 minutes was made by Tonya Saffer and seconded by Michelle Hawkins. Two changes will be made to the minutes, after which the minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- The next COH meeting will take place November 15, 2018 and the following meeting is January 18, 2018 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.
- It was voted that there will be no December meeting.

3.0 Health Officer Updates – Dr. Travis Gayles, Chief, Public Health Services

- To deal with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) in the County:
  - As of October 1st, condoms are available in all public high schools in Montgomery County.
  - The Department is looking into more access for screening and treatment of STI's, possibly through the School-Based Health and Wellness Centers, after school hours.
  - Public Health Services (PHS) would like to raise awareness of the STI problem.
- The new data approach has been tagged the D2P approach.
- A report has been released on infectious diseases in the County. Tuberculosis funding has been cut by the State by 37%. PHS is using data to make our case on the need for more funding.
- The next report coming out will be the Zip Code Data report. Eight domains have been ranked within the 36 zip codes by top five and bottom five. The zip code project was done collaboratively with the University of Maryland.
- A report on maternal and infant mortality will come out next.
- The Babies Born Healthy pilot project in the two zip codes with the highest mortality rate has begun.
  - The grant is a four-year grant.
  - The funds will be used to hire personnel to evaluate maternal and infant health, and link to services where necessary.

- The regrouping of Healthy Montgomery is taking place. Highest areas of priority are being reestablished.
- PHS is looking for a project that will coincide with Public Health Week in April.
- There are 19 boards, committees, and commissions and the County. As efforts are sometimes duplicated, there may be opportunities to consolidate some of the BCC's. George Leventhal has publicly announced that he would would like to see COH consolidated with Healthy Montgomery.
- PHS received the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to fund data research.
- George Washington University is interested in partnering with Montgomery County on some projects.
- Next Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the AFI in Silver Spring there will be a Community Conversation on suicide presentation by screening the documentary, The Sword.

4.0 Liaison Reports

Commission on Children Youth and Families – Brenda Brooks

- Brenda Brooks will no longer be a liaison to Children Youth and Families. She will now be a liaison to the Commission on Aging. Desiree de la Torre is the new liaison for Children Youth and Families.

Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – Maya Das

- The "Vision Zero Project" has worked for cyclists but not for pedestrians. A bicycle path has been created.

Mental Health Advisory Board – Jessica Kronstadt

- Hospitals are now coordinating on behavioral health.

5.0 New Meeting Business

- There was discussion on the amount of times COH would meet per year. The group decided there will be no changes to the amount of times COH meets per year.
- Interviews for new COH members have concluded and four new members have been chosen. The County Council will have to approve the recommended members.

6.0 COH Priorities

- The members discussed past year's accomplishments. Healthy eating, data, and PHAB were all worked on several times in the past.
- New priorities were discussed. The COH will now have a workgroup dedicated to influenza vaccines to be headed by Dr. Berger.
  - Information will be sought such as the requirements for County staff, compliance rate, strategies by DHHS to provide vaccinations and public health education.

7.0 Adjourn

Draft Introduced:
Approved: