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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Sean Bailey, Mitchell Berger, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Alan Kaplan, Jessica Kronstadt, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Kathy Mann Koepke, Linda McMillan, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, and Fabienne Santel.

Members Absent: Brandie Armijo, Laura Boyle, Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Maya Das, Ilana Cohen, Michelle Hawkins, Graciela Jaschek, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, and Bridget Ware.

Staff Present: Mark Hodge, Ellen Segal, and Karen Thompkins.

Guest: Forrest Davies

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.
- New members to the COH were welcomed: Sean Bailey and Jessica Kronstadt.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- A motion to approve the January 2017 minutes was made by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Tonya Saffer. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- The next COH meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. The following meeting will be held April 20, 2016 at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

3.0 COH Chair Report – Daniel Russ

- The COH Annual Report is out and will be available through the following link soon.
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHSPProgram/PHS/CommOnHealth/COHAnnualReports.html>
- Commission on Health members are required to take the Maryland Open Meetings Act training. It is an online course available at http://www.igsr.umd.edu/VLC/OMA/class_oma_intro1.php. Please send your Certificate of Completion to Karen Thompkins.

4.0 Public Health Services Chief's Report-Mark Hodge

- There were 75 TB disease cases reported to the CDC in 2016, which is an increase of 25 cases from 2015. TB funding has been dropping for the last eight years.
- Care for Kids has continued its growth trend. Kaiser cut off its pro-bono work as of February 14, 2017 after seeing a total of 835 children.
- Dental Services continues to serve an increased number of clients compared to this time last year, mostly related to the increased funds for FY17. However, there is a much higher demand for services than we are able to fulfill and the waitlist for services is long.
- For more details, see the full report included in the meeting packet.

4.0 Liaison to MCPS Report – Marla Caplon

- Six more schools have been added to the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program which provides kids with fresh fruit at no charge.
- Although the Division of Food and Nutrition Services is still receiving applications for the reduced/free meal program, many parents are not applying due to fear.

5.0 New Business

- Uma has asked if anyone from the COH would like to provide testimony in support of the Tobacco Control bill. The Senate hearing will be scheduled shortly.
- The Healthy Montgomery Health in All Policies Workgroup meeting will be on February 27, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A representative of the COH is invited to attend.
- The Health Literacy workgroup would like DHHS public health contracts (outreach) to include language recommending providers/navigators take the University of Maryland Smart Choice Training on Health Literacy.
- Parks in Montgomery County are being designed according to ADA requirements to promote activity, family events, comfort and relaxation.
- Cara D. Grant of MCPS will present on health and physical activity at the March 16th COH meeting.
- **Two motions were made:**
 - **Motion #1** Made by Sean Bailey and seconded by Dr. Alan Kaplan: To waive the 72-hour rule for the time frame of reviewing a letter before approving such letter. The motion was approved.
 - **Motion #2** Made by Tonya Saffer and seconded by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian: The COH will write a letter in support of recommending to the Health Department to incorporate the University of Maryland Smart Choice Training Program into the health outreach and provider's contracts. The motion was seconded by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian. The motion was approved.

6.0 Break for Workgroups - Recaps

- Men's Health – The workgroup would like a day designated to men's health. The group is considering sending a letter to Linda McMillan to gather Council support.
- Obesity – The workgroup updated the new member on the status of the workgroup. The workgroup has invited Cara Grant to speak at the March meeting.
- Health Literacy – The workgroup has lined up a speaker from the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality to present at the April 20, 2017 meeting.

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Karen Thompkins
Commission on Health