

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2018  
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Brandie Armijo, Brenda Brooks, Maya Das, Heather Deckert, Travis Gayles, Kenneth Goldstein, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Kathy Mann Koepke, Jessica Kronstadt, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel and Jacqueline Smith.

Members Absent: Sean Bailey, Laura Boyle, Marla Caplon, Jessica Chung, Desiree de la Torre, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Ashim Subedee and Jason Woo.

Staff Present: Karen Thompkins

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian called the meeting to order.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- A motion to approve the March 2018 minutes was made, seconded approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- The next COH meetings will be May 17, 2018 and June 21, 2018 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room 1A and 1B, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

**3.0 Chief's Report – Dr. Travis Gayles**

- The County Health Rankings Report has been released. Montgomery County is ranked highest although health disparities continue to exist.
- Public Health Services is developing a MOU with the University of MD for research and development, more expertise and increased course offerings.
- Dr. Gayles is considering how to have more targeted interventions to address health concerns and disparities.

**4.0 BCC's Annual Meeting with the County Executive – Heather Deckert**

- Heather Deckert and Jason Woo attended the annual meeting with the County Executive.
- The COH did not present as the focus of the meeting was for the County Executive to address questions presented by the BCCs.
- There was a presentation from the County Attorney's Office followed by questions from BCC representatives.
- There were two areas that may be of interest to the COH: 1) Commission on Children & Youth – Children's access to mental health services needs to be increased/improved and 2) Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council – Who is coordinating data throughout the county? Advocated for more substance use treatment and services.

### **5.0 Liaison Reports**

- African American Health Program/Michelle Hawkins – AAHP Community Day is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Montgomery College
- Healthy Montgomery (HM)/Michelle Hawkins – An overview of the Behavioral Health Strategic Alignment Report was given at the last HM meeting.
- Mental Health Advisory Board/Jessica Kronstadt – The Annual Spring Forum “Stigma to Strength” will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Bohrer Park
- Commission on Children Youth and Families/Brenda Brooks – The Commission is considering the best way to conduct outreach to youth via wellness centers or Aps.
- Commission on People with Disabilities/ Kathy Mann Koepke – The Commission is working on health disparities, health access, transportation (health care, employment, social activities). They have been successful in increasing the employment of those with disabilities.

### **6.0 New Business**

- The Nominating, Membership and Retreat Committees will be formed at the May meeting. Commissioners should begin to consider if they are interested in serving on one of these committees.

### **7.0 Workgroup Reports**

- Behavioral Health would like more information about the Behavioral Health Strategic Alignment Report and would like to invite Dr. Crowel to a COH meeting.
- Health Literacy is continuing to follow up on signage at HHS facilities.
- Data is developing a document to articulate a vision for the health department's data collection and analysis to ensure that the department has the information it needs for decision making.
- Access to Contraception has expanded their focus from solely looking at access to contraception to looking at sexual health and education more broadly. They hope to respond to some of Dr. Gayles' concerns regarding condoms in schools' initiative and increasing rates of STIs in the county.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

- The COH meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Karen Thompkins