



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Thursday, August 21, 2025

This meeting had a quorum.

The Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via Zoom on Thursday, August 21, 2025

Present

Dr. Attang, Dr. Nathan, Marcela Cámpoli, Korey Anthony Chisholm, Susan Emery (Vice Chair), Marisol Euceda, Adam Finkelstein, Yuchi Huang, Dr. Jacobs, Gabriela Lemus, Dr. Parker-Fahey, Milan Patel, Arthur Summerville (Chair), Ian Weston, Dr. Davis (Ex-Officio), Tara Clemons Johnson (Ex-Officio), Dr. Ashford

Absent

Donna Cawley, Rashida Dokes, Vicky Le

DHHS Staff

Meghan Sontag

Presentations

No presentations occurred.

General Business

- A. Welcome
 - a. The meeting commenced with a welcome from Arthur Summerville
- B. Member Introductions
 - a. Welcomed 7 new Commissioners
- C. Approval of July Minutes. July minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Business

- D. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Public Health Services Report- Dr. Ashford.
 - i. Back to school vaccinations update- no decrease from last year to date
 - ii. FY25 Chief's Report will be finalized and provided to Commissioners
 - iii. Community Connect Portal has launched- simplifies access to Montgomery County benefit programs directly from your mobile device.
 - b. County Council Report- Tara Clemons Johnson
 - i. Council is on recess- August 1st- September 6th.



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- ii. Provided a reminder for the annual Boards, Committees and Commissions meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee in October.
Opportunity for the BCCs to present their priorities to the HHS Committee.
- c. Health Officer's Report (provided at the end of the meeting)- Dr. Davis
 - i. Welcomed new members and highlighted their expertise as residents in the County and their ability to help spread word on what exists and help inform on where the gaps are.
 - ii. The importance of prevention and how to rethink health moving forward. The importance of building communities that promote health.
 - iii. Respiratory Virus Update: COVID has been increasing with a late summer wave, trend not as high as last year. Flu vaccine recommendations have not changed; new Flu mist will be available for home use. RSV vaccine recommendations have not changed. More information will be provided in the September Health Officer's Report.
- E. COH FY27 Priorities
 - a. Chair reviewed the 3 priorities for FY27: Behavioral Wellness, Food & Nutrition, Physical Activity
 - b. Commissioners reviewed DRAFT priority letter and Commissioners discussed edits and revisions. The letter will be placed in a shared document for review and edits. The letter will be up for a vote to approve at the next Commission meeting, Thursday September 18th.
 - c. Commissioners selected their priority work group.
 - i. Behavioral Health: Korey (lead), Arthur, Ian, Dr. Troy, Yuchi
 - ii. Food and Nutrition: Gabriela (lead), Dr. Nathan, Marcela, Adam
 - iii. Physical Activity: Milan (lead), Dr. Parker-Fahey, Sue, Marisol, Dr. Attang
- F. COH FY27 Workgroup Break Out Meetings and Report Outs
 - a. Behavioral Health: Discussed need to understand County resources, opportunities for partnerships, the definition of mental health vs. behavioral health and root causes. Intersectionality with food & nutrition and physical activity.
 - b. Food & Nutrition: Discussed need to do some asset and resource mapping of County resources, farm to healthcare and research of local agricultural associations. Discussed demographic changes and depletion of minerals in the land.
 - c. Physical Activity: Discussed a "whole-life" approach and ensuring initiatives are innovative and evidence-based. Letter should include impact and consequences, and reversal of chronic conditions.
- G. Next Steps: Continue to refine priority letter via a shared document and workgroups meet to determine next steps.

Adjourn

ACTIONS



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Motion to approve minutes. A MOTION was made by Adam Finkelstein to approve the July 17th meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gabriela Lemus. The minutes were unanimously approved by all voting Commissioners. Two Commissioners abstained from voting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. A MOTION was made by Yuchi Huang to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jacobs. Chair adjourned the meeting.