



Montgomery County Commission on Health

November 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Remote Zoom Meeting: <https://montgomerycountymd-gov.zoom.us/j/86328940813?pwd=eBXDCA5B6ilpAp1BvKobdbf9iCmrZ1.1>

Attendance

Members Present

Dr. Attang, Dr. Nathan, Marcela Cámpoli, Donna Cawley, Korey Anthony Chisholm, Rashida Dokes, Susan Emery (Vice Chair), Marisol Eucedo, Yuchi Huang, Dr. Jacobs, Gabriela Lemus, Dr. Parker-Fahey, Milan Patel, Venchele Saint Dic, Arthur Summerville (Chair), Ian Weston, Karen Tincknell, Dr. Davis (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Adam Finkelstein, Vicky Le, Tara Clemons Johnson (Ex-Officio)

Proof of Quorum

The meeting was called to order when 12 members joined the meeting. Commissioners continued to join the meeting with a total of 17 voting members and 1 Ex-Officio member present for the meeting.

Staff Present

Meghan Sontag, Program Manager I

Guests

There were no guests in attendance.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Arthur Summerville welcomed Commissioners to the meeting.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes. A MOTION was made by Yuchi Huang to approve the October 16th meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Troy. The minutes were approved by a quorum of Commissioners.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Monthly Reports
 - a. Dr. Davis, Health Officer.
 - i. Respiratory virus update- COVID remains low, Flu starting to increase, encouraged to get vaccinated.
 - ii. Reiteration that no studies have shown a link between vaccines and autism.
 - iii. Access to Care discussions continue- County preparing Montgomery Cares and Cares for Kids program for changing healthcare landscape. Two collaborative meetings have occurred; next meeting will occur in January.
 - iv. Discussed Medicaid changes and projected impact on Montgomery County residents. Highlights of the changes were shared with Commissioners with the meeting reminder. Insurance changes will start to occur in January/February timeframe. The State of Maryland will start offering free COVID and Flu vaccines for uninsured adults. More information to come. Commissioners shared Kaiser Permanente will also provide free flu vaccines.
 - v. Discussed trusted organizations for medical information.
2. COH FY27 Advocacy Letter
 - a. Chair reviewed the draft advocacy letter, noting each workgroup contributed a section and Vice Chair Sue drafted the opening section. Chair opened the floor for a vote. Clarification was provided that edits were made in the letter based on Commissioner feedback and feedback from subject matter experts that provided data (Department of Recreation, Office of Food System Resilience, PCC).
 - b. **Motion to appoint the DRAFT FY27 COH ADVOCACY LETTER.** A MOTION was made by Dr. Parker-Fahey. The motion was seconded by Yuchi Huang. Quorum approved. One Commissioner abstained from the motion.
3. HHS Committee Session
 - a. Chair provided a review of his experience providing testimony to the HHS Committee on behalf of the Commission.
4. CE Advocacy
 - a. Chair provided clarification this agenda item is to discuss if the Commission would like to request a meeting with the County Executive to discuss the approved FY27 advocacy letter.
 - b. **Motion to approve the Commission on Health requesting to meet with the County Executive to discuss the approved FY27 advocacy letter.** A MOTION was made by Arthur Summerville. The motion was seconded by Susan Emery. Quorum approved. The Commissioners identified as participating in the meeting, if schedules allow Marcela, Dr. Nathan, Susan, Arthur, Dr. Troy, Milan and Korey. This

will allow the Chair, Vice Chair and workgroup leaders to attend the meeting to represent the COH.

5. COH Liaison Updates

- a. Montgomery County Advisory Board (MCAB)- Dr. Troy shared next meeting is December 10th, no updates to provide at this time.
- b. Montgomery County Medical Society- Dr. Nathan shared the Medical Society formed a Public Health Committee to strengthen the bonds between practicing doctors in the County and the County's Public Health Services. Dr. Davis provided an amazing presentation to the Committee recently.

6. Discussion of Commission Next Steps

- a. Vice Chair noted the Commission will have a December recess, and the next meeting is January 15th.
- b. Opened the floor to discuss potential topics/guest speakers for the January and February meetings. Commissioners shared some suggestions and discussed topics, timing of issues and emerging issues in public health.
- c. **Motion to approve inviting the following guest speakers:**
 - i. January COH Meeting. Topic: Food As Medicine. Guest Presenters: Dr. Steven Chen, Chief Medical Officer of Alameda County and Adventist
 - ii. February or March COH Meeting. Topic: A State Perspective of the changing healthcare landscape. Guest Presenters: To be determined.
A MOTION was made by Dr. Nathan. The motion was seconded by Arthur Summerville. Quorum approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15th 6-8pm via zoom. The Commission has a December recess.

Adjournment

Motion to ADJOURN the meeting A MOTION was made by Arthur Summerville to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Yuchi Huang. Quorum approved.