

Montgomery County Commission on Health

March 20, 2025

The Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via Zoom on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

This meeting had quorum.

Present

Gabriela Lemus (Chair), Brent Berger, Susan Emery, Marcela Campoli (Vice Chair), Donna Cawley, Laurel Fain, Adam Finkelstein, Milan Patel, Venchele Saint Dic and Arthur Summerville.

Absent

Beth Barrows, Cimo Chen, Rashida Dokes, Cesar Perez, Betty Smith, Joey Nichols

DHHS Staff

Dr. Nina Ashford Dr. Davis, Tara Clemons Johnson and Meghan Sontag,

Agenda

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) Welcome from COH Chair, Gabriela Lemus.
- 2) Approval of February Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Reports

- 1) **Health Officer's Report**, Dr. Kisha Davis, Montgomery County Health Officer. Monthly health officer's report focused on the National County Health Ranking Report, infectious diseases (measles and influenza), norovirus, support for Federal Employees and Medicaid.
- 2) **Public Health Services' Report**, Dr. Nina Ashford, Montgomery County Chief of Public Health Services (PHS), provided an update on the Maternal Health Summit, new [commission](#) in PHS Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission and the [CE's Recommended Budget](#).

COH Nomination Committee

- 3) **COH Nomination Committee**, Gabriela and Marcela reviewed the COH Officer Election Process and duties of the Officers. Requested nominations for Chair and Vice Chair be sent by April 1st.

Advocacy Planning

- 4) **County Council Report**, Tara Clemons Johnson presented an overview on the budget review process, timeline, and upcoming public hearings April 7th and April 8th.

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- 5) **COH Council Meetings**, Meghan Sontag provided updates on the scheduled meetings with Councilmembers.
- 6) **COH Updates**, Meghan Sontag provided updates on the vacancy postings and retreat plans.

ACTIONS

- A. **Motion to approve February minutes.** A motion was made by Marcela Campoli approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Berger. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. **Motion to approve Commissioner Donna Cawley to provide testimony on behalf of the Commission on Health during the FY26 Operating Budget Public Hearings .** A motion was made by Gabriela Lemus to approve testimony. The motion was seconded by Susan Emery. The motion was unanimously approved.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- Meghan Sontag to follow up with Commissioner Donna Cawley about FY26 Operating Budget Public Hearings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Cawley and seconded by Arthur Summerville.