



Montgomery County Commission on Health

October 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

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

Attendance

Members Present

Dr. Nathan, Marcela Cámpoli, Donna Cawley, Rashida Dokes, Susan Emery (Vice Chair), Marisol Euceda, Adam Finkelstein, Yuchi Huang, Dr. Jacobs, Gabriela Lemus, Dr. Parker-Fahey, Milan Patel, Venchele Saint Dic, Arthur Summerville (Chair), Karen Tincknell, Dr. Davis (Ex-Officio), Tara Clemons Johnson (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Dr. Attang, Korey Anthony Chisholm, Vicky Le, Ian Weston

Proof of Quorum

The meeting was called to order when 10 members joined the meeting. Commissioners continued to join the meeting with a total of 15 voting members and 2 Ex-Officio members present for the meeting.

Staff Present

Dr. Ashford, Chief of Public Health, 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 Arthur Summerville to approve the September 18th meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Finkelstein. An edit was requested on the minutes- to correct a mistype of “minutes” to “FY27 DRAFT Priority Letter” minutes were approved by a quorum of Commissioners with the suggested edit. Two Commissioners abstained from voting.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Reminder of New Commissioner Trainings. Request to complete the training within the next 30 days.
2. Monthly Reports
 - a. Dr. Davis, Health Officer.
 - i. Vaccine update
 - ii. Biannual Board of Health Update will occur Tuesday October 21st. Meeting presentation and link will be shared with the Commission when they are posted.
 - iii. Government run health insurance is still open and working.
 - iv. Access to Care discussions are occurring around how the County prepares for changes in Medicaid and impacts for safety net clinics.
 - v. Discussion of government shutdown and impact on health and data collection
 - vi. Respiratory virus update- COVID, RSV and Flu are low now. Common Cold and Hand Foot Mouth are high.
 - b. Dr. Ashford, Chief of Public Health
 - i. FY27 budget planning is underway.
 - ii. Congratulated Dr. Davis on becoming the new President-elect for American Academy of Family Physicians
 - c. Tara Clemons Johnson
 - i. Board of Health Update- Tuesday October 21st
 - ii. New report on Federal changes related to SNAP and food insecurity available for interested Commissioners
 - iii. November 4th- Federal Update related to HR1 focused on Medicaid and health assistance changes
 - iv. October 30th- HHS Committee will receive an update from Office of Food Systems Resilience and strategic plan to end childhood hunger
 - v. HHS Committee Lead- Councilmember Gabe Alborno will be stepping down December 1st. The new HHS lead will likely be announced in early December to correspond with the transition of the Council President and Vice President.
3. COH FY27 Priority Workgroup Report Outs
 - a. Physical Activity: Milan- draft letter is under review. Once approved within the workgroup, it will be shared with Department of Recreation for review, then with the full Commission. Two priorities: funding for marketing and funding for equipment replacement.

- b. Food & Nutrition: Dr. Nathan and Gabriela- in the process of gathering information. Met with Heather Bruskin, Director of Office of Food Systems Resilience and discussed Food As Medicine. Will meet with Primary Care Coalition in November. Discussed examining the current landscape for the development of a roadmap.
 - c. Behavioral Health: Susan, Arthur and Dr. Troy- draft letter is under review. Discussions include workforce challenges, funding by a public/private partnership and prevention. Goal is to refine the advocacy letter and align resources.
- 4. Mental Health Advisory Committee Request
 - a. The Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) is hosting the Office of Council President Kate Stewart and other DHHS Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCC) to MHAC's virtual November meeting on Tuesday, November 4th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. BCCs will hear from CP Stewart and her mental health focus this year, discuss ways to support their respective groups with mental health, and learn about resources and services available in the county. The request is for two representatives from the COH to attend. Chair Arthur Summerville will attend and Commissioner Korey Anthony Chisholm, leading the Behavioral Health Workgroup, will be invited. Dr. Troy is interested in attending to observe the meeting.
- 5. HHS Committee Preparation
 - a. Chair Arthur will be presenting to the HHS Committee Thursday October 23rd 8:30-10:30am.
- 6. COH Liaison Updates
 - a. Montgomery County Advisory Board (MCAB)- Dr Troy attended as a guest. Provided an overview of the meeting including a healthcare panel and subcommittee workgroups.
 - b. **Motion to appoint Dr. Troy as voting COH representative on MCAB.** A MOTION was made by Arthur Summerville to appoint Dr. Troy as the Commission on Health voting representative on MCAB. The motion was seconded by Gabriela Lemus. Quorum approved.
 - c. Healthy Montgomery- Arthur Summerville shared the core measures: Maternal and Infant Health, Behavioral Health, Chronic Disease, Infectious Disease and Injury.
- 7. Tasks for Next Meeting
 - a. Vote to approve advocacy letter for the County Executive. Request to provide draft letters to Chair and Vice Chair by end of October.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20th 6-8pm via zoom.

Adjournment

Motion to ADJOURN the meeting. A MOTION was made by Gabriela Lemus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Milan Patel. Quorum approved.