

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**March 3, 2025 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**HELD VIRTUALLY (MICROSOFT TEAMS)**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Board Members**

**HHS and Council Staff**

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Yuma Tomes	<i>Chair</i>	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	x
Anthony Carter	<i>Vice Chair</i>		Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	x
Larniece McKoy Moore	<i>Secretary</i>	x	Kristine Cummings	Council Staff	x
Jewel Butler	Member	x	Caroline Davenport	Council Staff	x
Shadrene Howard	Member	x			
Michele Levy	Member	x			
Dawn Luedtke	Member				
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	x			
Frances Marshall	Member	x			
Zackary Richards	Member	x			
Maria Schwermer	Member	x			
Loveline Tangwan	Member				
Isabella Wise	Member	x			

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Roll Call (to determine quorum) meeting called to order at 4:02 pm
- Introduction of Guests (if warranted)
  - Lisa Merkin, Senior Administrator Child Welfare Services
  - Mario Wawrzusin, Senior Administrator Aging & Disability Services – Assessment, APS & Care Management Services
  - Julia McGlamary, Deputy Administrator Aging & Disability Services – Assessment, APS & Care Management Services

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*if warranted*) – N/A**

**III. READING/REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- February
  - Motion to approve by F. Marshall, seconded by J. Butler
  - Approved, no edits

**IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary (*if warranted*)
  - Chair – attended the 3/1 MASSB meeting at the Howard County Department of Social Services
- Outreach Committee (*if warranted*) – Reaching out to other Boards, Committees & Commissions to attend their meetings or have them attend ours
- Legislative Committee (*if warranted*) - Met to discuss strategies to follow legislation

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion with Child Welfare Services and Aging & Disability Services
  - Child Welfare Services
    - Discussing the expansion of who qualifies as “kin” for placing children in foster care.
    - Kin-first Model
      - Barrier to certification of families to receive placements—CO2 detectors
    - How can the board help?

- Support securing CO2 detectors, recruiting families/resource foster parents
- Aging & Disability Services
  - Programs
  - Partnerships
  - Community Outreach & Training
  - Challenges
    - Need for volunteers and safe placements
    - Rise of Financial Exploitation
    - Social Services Block Grant

**VI. COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION & DISCUSSION**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by J. Butler, seconded by S. Howard
- Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

**Next meeting:** *Virtually - Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 4:00PM – 6:00PM*