



**Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Teams
Monday, July 13, 2020 ■ 6:00PM-8:00PM**

Members and Alternates Present: Jackie DeCarlo, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Monika Driver, Travis Gayles, Leslie Graham, Michelle Hawkins, Amy Lindsey, Dairy Marroquin, Gina Maxham, Kimberley McBride, Kate McGrail, Stephanie McKay, Beatrice Miller, Nguyen K. Nguyen, Jade-Ann Rennie, Monique Sanfuentes, Cristina Sasaki, Jacquelyn Williams

Healthy Montgomery Staff: Rita Deng, Vanessa Kachipande, Diana Tato-Niktash, Karen Thompkins

Guests: Monica Clark Driver, Karen Gutierrez, Chunfu Liu, Helen Lettlow, Patricia Maclay, Lynn Meija, Sanjana Quasem, Samuel Oji, Patricia Reed, Chris Rogers, Anna Shao, Meghan Sontag, Arlee Wallace

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Action Item/ Responsible Person
<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Ms. DeCarlo & Dr. Gayles</i></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Ms. DeCarlo welcomed the group and provided short review on Teams virtual meeting procedures.</p> <p>Ms. DeCarlo acknowledged that the HMSC needed to continue the discussion on the Healthy Montgomery charter that began several months ago. Members decided that the charter review will resume at the November HMSC meeting.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes <i>Ms. DeCarlo</i></p>	<p>The motion to approve minutes was made by Michelle Hawkins and seconded by Crystal DeVance-Wilson. The May meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voiced consent with no edits.</p>	<p>Finalize May meeting minutes. <i>HM Staff</i></p>
<p>Health Officer Updates <i>Dr. Gayles</i></p>	<p>Dr. Gayles presented slides to provide context on current climate of COVID-19 and shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a high test positivity rate in April and May but the test positivity rate for the County is now below average. There has been a large increase in testing county wide and the County has the highest testing rate with almost 113,000 tested. • The County dashboard shows that COVID-19 cases in the County peaked in May and cases have plateau after being on a downward trend for a few weeks. The County data dashboard may be accessed here https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data. • Hospitalizations and ICU admittance has significantly improved over the past few weeks. • Zip code data shows that there are fewer cases within certain jurisdictions and higher percentage rates of 	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p>COVID-19 exists in Latino communities. There are also higher fatalities noted amongst black communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop-up testing efforts are being held around the county. Community organizations were invited to partner on hosting testing events and were encouraged to connect with the County’s testing team. <p>Questions from Members:</p> <p><i>Can we have access to the demographic data on race?</i> Analysis for data by race and ethnicity is in progress and will be released via press release by 7/14/20.</p> <p><i>Has the criteria for testing changed due to higher availability of test kits?</i> Criteria has changed somewhat as individuals do not need a doctor’s order and can go directly to the testing sites.</p> <p><i>Is there any update on the school systems plan for students returning to school?</i> The County needs to at least be at phase 3 of reopening before there is serious consideration made to send students back to schools.</p>	
<p>Healthy Montgomery Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)</p> <p><i>Dr. Rogers, Dr. Liu & Karen Thompkins</i></p>	<p>Dr. Rogers provided a high-level overview of the CHNA process. Healthy Montgomery staff is taking a program management approach to the CHNA process and is currently in the pre-planning phase of the CHNA.</p> <p>This will be a 12 to 15-month process, with the goal of a final report to be produced in the last quarter of 2021.</p> <p>Dr Liu confirmed that multiple sources of data will be utilized. The data sources include: census data, community health ranking reports, zip-code level data, data from Maryland Department of Health and other various reports.</p> <p>Karen Thompkins reviewed HMSC member involvement during the last CHNA including: the CHNA Committee, hosting/participating in community conversations, completing a survey and reviewing draft CHNA report. Roles and responsibilities for the CHNA Committee will be laid out and HMSC members will be invited to participate.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>COVID-19 Community Conversations</p>	<p>Dr. Rogers presented slides on the community conversations with following updates:</p>	<p>Follow up on suggested topics for</p>

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<p><i>Dr. Rogers</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal of the conversations is to engage community partners and residents on COVID-19. A survey was provided to the HMSC and to the Commission on Health to identify topics and presenters. A total of 18 responses and 17 referrals were received. • Healthy Montgomery staff continue to seek input from HMSC in setting up further community conversations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim McBride suggested a potential topic focused on COVID-19 and the senior population ○ Nguyen Nguyen would like to discuss the development of culturally competent information (e.g. the opportunity to provide resources in different languages) <p>Dr. Rogers has also been in touch with the Faith Community Advisory Council to facilitate pop-up testing events and invited any other members of worship interested in hosting a pop-up event to contact the County’s testing team.</p>	<p>Community Conversations <i>Dr. Rogers</i></p>
<p>Hospital Workgroup Update <i>Dairy Marroquin</i></p>	<p>The hospitals continue to be more involved with the local communities. They are still seeing some upward trends of COVID-19 cases in the Latino community due to several barriers and lack of resources. The County and the Latino Health Initiative are working with the hospitals to address these issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple families living in the same household present difficulty to safely quarantine. A better referral process is underway for COVID-19 patients to allow for safe quarantining if individuals are unable to quarantine at home. • Care kits containing items such as masks and sanitizer are in development and will be distributed to Latino communities in the next few days. <p>Behavioral/Mental Health activities update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are plans to host additional activities in the summer that focus on youth and spreading awareness on anxiety and stress among this group. • There are also plans to host some of these activities in Spanish to support the Latino youth and parents. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>The Planning Department has been hosting community chats as part of the General Plan outreach. Amy Lindsey and Karen Thompkins co-presented at the June 17th community chat with a focus on Health in All Policies and the General Plan.</p>	



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	<p>Amy Lindsey noted that staff are in process of completing a draft of the general plan with various county agencies. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a part of the General Plan. Contact Amy if your organization or agency would like a presentation on the general plan.</p> <p>Resources Shared via Chat in Teams:</p> <p>Cristina Sasaki-shared link via chat to Montgomery parks COVID-19 guidelines. Parks Resources link: https://www.montgomeryparks.org/covid-19/</p> <p>Dr. Rogers shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Montgomery County Testing Helpline: 240-777-1755• The contact for Minority Health COVID-19 related Community Conversations: Vanessa Kachipande, Vanessa.Kachipande@montgomerycountymd.gov	
Wrap-Up/Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm. The next Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee meeting will be held on September 14, 2020.	N/A