

Montgomery County School Health Council

December 5th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Daniel Russ	Community Member, SHC Co-chair	Patricia Kapunan	Medical Officer MCPS
Catie Russ	Student Member	Carey Ostry	NP at Seneca Valley HS SBWC
Peter Park	MCPS Systemwide Safety	Stephanie Iszard	MCPS Stu & Family Engagement
Jessica Hasson	Community Member, SHC Co-chair	Catherine Nardi	Community Member
Alana Aronin	Commission on Health	Sandy Salsberg	Community Member
Robin Brannon	Community Member	Eve Salsberg	Student Member
Mark Hodge	MCDHHS School Health Services	Teresa Shatzer	MCPS Health Education
Liz Elliott	Nurse Administrator, SHS	Carey Dwyer	Nurse Manager, SHS
Kirsten Anderson	Linkages to Learning		

- The meeting was called to order by Daniel Russ. Minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved.
- Regina Morales, Deputy Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services, Director, Local Behavioral Health Authority shared a Power Point presentation on how Montgomery County is responding to the youth mental health crisis. Discussed how over \$500,00 was appropriated to the Crisis Center to expand mobile crisis team and received two SAMSHA grants totaling over \$4 million to go toward Certified Community Health Clinics and to help hire over 37 staff members. New SADSCA screening at the Child and Adolescent Assessment Services (CAAS)-if parents are in agreement, a urinalysis can be done on site. Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) local care team (LCT) forum where families can come and present their needs and receive referral and assistance in navigating service available. (88-Montgomery County: BeTheOne, anyone can text, call or chat.
- Mark Hodge shared that School Health Services continues to recruit to fill numerous vacant staff positions; additional orientation sessions are scheduled. Currently, vacancies include School Community Health Nurse, School Health Room Technicians and administrative and support staff. Additional initiatives include transitioning School Health Room Technicians and School Community Health Nurse positions to year-round positions to help with summer school coverage. Currently DHHS are losing $\frac{3}{4}$ of potential hires due to salary issues, partnering with Latino Health Initiative and welcome back cent to identify persons to become school health room techs. Increase in principals requesting Spanish speaking staff on site. 49 of school health room techs positions have been converted into year round positions which will health with summer school coverage.
- Update from Dr. Patricia Kapunan about respiratory illness in community-COVID-19, flu, RSV (tripledeemic), making sure schools have what they need to support healthy hand washing and good infection control. System wide test kit distribution, working with student athlete medical committee to work on updating concussion protocols.. Added resources for influenza like illness, still seeing RSV hospitalizations in MD but nationwide trends suggest a slowing.
- The membership list was reviewed and updated for SY 2022-2023. Discussed outreach to Identity, Black and Brown coalition, NAACP, Asian American, and Latino health Initiatives to join School Health Councils. People interested in becoming a member should email Carey Dwyer at carey.dwyer@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Bylaw Committee – Catie Russ shared that SHC bylaws were last reviewed in 2014; Will vote in Bylaw changes at March meeting. .
- Discussion topics of interest to members for upcoming SHC meetings include Montgomery goes Purple, Childhood Hunger Workgroups, and Food Council findings, more student-centered health promotion and health literacy, exploring immigrant/newcomer health, health equity, social determinants of health, activities/actions that the SHC can take to enhance health of students in community, collaboration with private practices to better gauge access to mental health services
- School Health Council Meetings for SY 2022-2023
 - Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. March 13, 2023 and May 8, 2023.