

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

December 7, 2022 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Betsy Ballard, Melanie Bunting, Kathy Deerkoski, Mark Foraker, Yuchi Huang, Denise Kishel, Peter Lowet, Helaine Resnick, Diana Saladini, Dr. Langston Smith, Wayne Swann

MCAB Members Absent: Melinda Hite, Sharron Holquin, Ashok Kapur

DHHS Staff: Dr. Tricia Boyce, Magda Brown, Sean Gibson, LaSonya Kelly, Robert Morrow, Dr. Christopher Rogers, Becky Smith

County Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson

Primary Care Coalition: Yvette Hammond, Aisha Robinson, Hillery Tumba

Wayne Swann, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Meeting held via video/teleconference during COVID-19 pandemic.

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2022 Wayne Swann <i>Moved by Mark Foraker</i> <i>Seconded by Melanie Bunting</i> <i>The motion was passed unanimously</i>			
2.	Montgomery Cares Advisory Board Chair Report Wayne Swann Troika's Advocacy Letter to County Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair, Wayne Swann highlighted the agenda and noted the new health officer Dr. Kisha Davis will attempt to join the board for the January meeting 			
3.	Health Officer Update Dr. James Bridgers, Jr See Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Bridgers also welcomed Dr. Kisha Davis as the new chief medical officer. Dr. Bridgers explained that the County had decided to split the position, Dr. Kisha Davis will sit as the chief medical officer and Dr. Bridgers was nominated to serve as the chief of public health (hospital administrator). Dr. Bridgers presented an update on the DHHS' pulse report/Covid-19 impact and recovery followed by a Q&A session 	Send copy of PULSE report to MCAB Members	DHHS Staff	ASAP

4.	Health Care for the Uninsured Report See Report <p style="text-align: right;">Dr. Christopher Rogers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Rogers presented an overview of the program updates followed by a Q& A session He noted some of the data needed to be updated and a revised report would be sent out 	Send revised HCU report	DHHS Staff	ASAP
5.	Healthcare for the Homeless See Presentation <p style="text-align: right;">LaSonya Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LaSonya Kelly presented an overview of the Health Care for the Uninsured program along with a summary of the different services provided, the challenges the program has faced, and the program's upcoming projects followed by a Q&A session 			
6.	MCAB Dental Committee – Update <p style="text-align: right;">Dr. Langston Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Smith thanked the Dental team (Dr. Rogers, Dr. Boyce, and her team) for working with the dental committee and thanked the dental committee for their hard work. He noted that in the past the critical issues were centered around sufficient personnel to address the access to care and clinical needs issues and to address the administrative responsibilities that were impacting the delivery of care. He noted that the committee had come up with the following 4 advocacy priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full time oral maxillofacial surgeon – the greatest demand for specialty care. He noted that there is currently a waiting list of 5-6 months for oral surgical needs. 1 FTE / Grade 4 / salary of \$194,404 3 administrative positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Manager of operations 1 FTE / Grade M3 \$119,070 Program Manager 1 FTE / Grade 23 \$87,287 PAA (Principal Administrative Aid) 2 FTE / Grade 13 \$ 114,720 Full time endodontist. 1 or 2 FTE / Grade 4 / \$38,879 Pediatric dental support. \$ 60,000 The total request for dental is for \$ 614,360 Dr. Smith mentioned that the committee and Dr. Rogers are working on the possibility of incorporating retired dentists who can volunteer. The malpractice/liability insurance part is currently being evaluated. Dr. Rogers further explained that they are looking at retired practitioners, both dental and medical who would like to practice within the County's safety net clinics while getting paid but no longer carry malpractice insurance. Dr. Rogers explained that risk management is looking into this with the County attorneys and should have an answer soon 			
7.	FY24 Program and Advocacy Priorities Committee Breakouts <p style="text-align: right;">MCAB Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Swann asked the program leads of the various MCAB committees to continue to meet at a separate time of their choosing 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne also referenced the letter that was sent by the Troika to the CE. He noted that it summarized all the MCAB's advocacy requests in a cohesive document. He also explained that the Troika had discussed the prioritization of the various items Dr. Rogers noted that MCAB needs to work on their position statement with the budget priorities and have it ready by early March for submission to the County Council. He explained that OMB had requested the document. He further explained that the Troika submitted their request to make it into the CE budget but the MCAB as a body finalizes the board's advocacy priorities by early March to make it into the Council's budget. Dr. Rogers suggested identifying an earlier timeframe in alignment with Troika so that MCAB as an entity has priorities to submit to the CE, OMB, and the Council 			
8.	Future Board Development Opportunities Diana Saladini Diana Saladini discussed the idea of creating a survey to determine the need for development. Diana will develop it; Wayne and Dr. Rogers will review and distribute to all active members. She asked that any suggestions are sent to her directly			
9.	January 2023 Meeting and Next Steps Wayne Swann Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 25 th which will be held virtually			
10.	Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM <i>Motion to adjourn: Dr. Langston Smith</i> <i>Seconded: Yuchi Huang</i>			

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Rogers

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