

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

June 28, 2023 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Viviana Azar, Melanie Bunting, Dr. Kisha Davis, Susan Emery, Mark Foraker*, Melinda Hite*, Denise Kishel*, Peter Lowet (v), Dr. Helaine Resnick*, Wayne Swann

MCAB Members Absent: Betsy Ballard, Sharron Holquin, Yuchi Huang, Diana Saladini, Dr. Langston Smith

DHHS Staff: Magda Brown, Sean Gibson, Ashley Miller, Robert Morrow*, Becky Smith

County Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson

Primary Care Coalition: Leslie Graham*, Marisol Ortiz*, Aisha Robinson*, Hillery Tsumba*, Sara Woods*

Wayne Swann, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Meeting held in-person

* Joined meeting virtually

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2023, and May 24, 2023 Moved to the July meeting due to lack of quorum			
2.	Montgomery Cares Advisory Board Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair, Wayne Swann welcomed all members and highlighted the agendaWayne reminded members that the board will be responsible for taking the meeting minutes starting July 2023Wayne announced the New Healthcare Provider – Care for Your Health			
3.	County Health Officer Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Davis provided an update on COVID-19 followed by a Q&A sessionDr. Davis announced that County is stable and continue to be at a low-level for Covid-19. The focus has shifted to preparing for the fall, vaccine distribution, and testingDr. Davis shared some encouraging news regarding fentanyl and opioids overdoses. She explained that while the 1st quarter showed an increase in Latino youth the current reports are showing a decrease. She noted it was too early to tell if the trend will holdMontgomery County continues to be ranked number 1 for health outcomes in the State of the MarylandDr. Davis announced that Cannabis would become legal for recreational use July 1st, 2023			

4.	Questions from Health Care for the Uninsured Report See Report DHHS - MCAB Process and Communications timeline for Advocacy and Policy Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne explained that Dr. Rogers was not able to make the meeting and noted that the report had been shared with the members earlier in the week. He asked for any questions to be given to Ashley Miller Peter suggested that future reports include the encounter volume FY19 comparison not just FY21 and FY22 Aisha explained that the average for a new patient appointment is as low as 1 day up-to 2-3 weeks for primary care visits 	Ashley Miller/Robert Morrow			
5.	Board Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne explained that this time could be used for members to discuss any outstanding issues or go over any documents/data 	Wayne Swann			
6.	September Planning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne announced that the planning meeting is scheduled for September 27th, 2023. The suggested times were 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm or 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm He suggested to have a panel discussion again (3-4 people) and asked members for suggestions on presenters Wayne will send out the agenda for the planning meeting 	Wayne Swann			
7.	Committees meet and Report Out Brainstorm FY25 Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne announced that Dr. Langston Smith had resigned from the Board and noted that a new Chair is needed for the dental committee He also noted that additional volunteers are needed for MPP/CFK Melanie Bunting, Viviana Azar, and Melinda Hite volunteered. Melinda Hite volunteered as the Chair of the dental committee and Melanie Bunting and Viviana Azar volunteered for the MPP/CFK committee Wayne provided a brief explanation of the committees purpose and how they operate Wayne will set up a meeting with the committee chairs to help guide the conversation for FY25 priorities 	MCAB			
8.	July 26, 2023 Agenda and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is on Wednesday, July 26th and will be held virtually via Teams The meeting minutes approval for the July meeting will include minutes from April, May, and June 2023 The July meeting will include a brief presentation on the Healthy Babies Act Mark suggested to have a 1-page orientation document on the Healthy Babies Act available for distribution to staff to help with the transition Sean will make information available and will send to Ashley for distribution 	Wayne Swann			

9.	Meeting Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM <i>Moved by Dr. Helaine Resnick</i> <i>Seconded by Mark Foraker</i>			

Respectfully submitted,
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