



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Thursday, October 17, 2024

This meeting had quorum.

The Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via Zoom on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Present

Gabriela Lemus (Chair), Betty Smith, Beth Barrows, Susan Emery, Donna Cawley, Adam Finkelstein, Tatjana Meerman, Milan Patel, Cesar Perez, Joey Nichols, Rashida Dokes, Venchele Saint Dic, Cimo Chen, Dr. Davis

Absent

Laurel Fain, Marcela Campoli (Vice Chair), Brent Berger, Arthur Summerville, Tara Clemons Johnson (non-voting member),

DHHS Staff

Dr. Nina Ashford, Meghan Sontag

Agenda

Call to Order & officer report – Gabriela Lemus, Chair

General Business

- A. Welcome from Gabriela Lemus.
- B. Approval of September Minutes. September minutes were reviewed and approved.
- C. Approval of Health Clinic Manager Priority Letter. Priority Letter was approved subject to additional edits provided during the meeting and screen shared for vote.
- D. Secretary Signup. Please contact Meghan Sontag if you are available to serve in this role at a future meeting.
- E. HHS Committee Debrief. Gabriela shared her experience and feedback testifying to the HHS Committee on behalf of the Commission.

New Business

Monthly Reports

- A. Health Officer's Report, Dr. Kisha Davis, Montgomery County Health Officer. She had already submitted her written report to the COH members. Discussion was on



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vaccinations and wastewater challenges surveillance has been reupped due to CDC working with WSSC.

- B. Public Health Services' Report, Dr. Nina Ashford, Montgomery County Chief of Public Health Services, provided an overview of Public Health Services (PHS), including PHS updates and PHS priorities. Presentation available upon request.

County Committee Evaluation Review Board (CERB) Survey Discussion

- A. The Commission on Health discussed the responses submitted to the CERB survey and next steps.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Betty Smith, seconded by Milan Patel.

ACTIONS

Motion to approve minutes. A MOTION was made by Milan Patel to approve the September meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Finkelstein. The minutes were approved with the edit to remove guest names from the Commissioner list and list them as guests.

Motion to approve the Health Clinic Manager Advocacy Letter to the County Executive. A MOTION was made by Joey Nichols to approve the Advocacy Letter. The motion was seconded by Adam Finkelstein. The motion was approved by 12 Commissioners.

Motion to approve the submission of the County Committee Evaluation and Review Board (CERB) responses with proposal that we will continue to work on this from Betty Smith. The motion was seconded by Susan Emery. The motion was approved with 1 abstention.