

Montgomery County Commission on Health
 May 16, 2024
 Minutes

Attendees: Susan Emery (Chair), Brent Berger, Marcela Campoli, Rashida Dokes, Laurel Fain, Adam Finkelstein, Tatjana Meerman, Joey Nichols, Milan Patel, Cesar Perez, Venchele Saint Dic, Betty Smith, Dr. Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Donna Cawley

DHHS Staff: Dr. Nina Ashford, Dr. Kisha Davis, Felicia Hugee, Dr. Christopher Rogers, Meghan Sontag

Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson, Kristin Cummings

Absent: Beth Barrows, Cimo Yingxi Chen, Gabriela Lemus, Arthur Summerville

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
<p>Call to Order & Health Officer Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Emery, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm • Dr. Davis commented on the Health Officer Report • Chair Emery presented the minutes from the April meeting. • An update on Guest Speaker Schedule: Dr. Rogers presenting tonight regarding Mobile Health Clinic Priority • June– Presenters will be from Babies Born Healthy and S.M.I.L.E Program for the Maternal/Child Health Priority • July- Presenters from prevention harm reduction services and NAMI Montgomery County for the Mental/Behavioral Health Priority • Annual report: Meghan Sontag discussed the process for publishing the COH’s Annual Report. Ms. Sontag will distribute a draft for comment. Members can update their bios, and provide summaries from each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve the April COH meeting minutes made by Dr. Nichols. Motion seconded by Milan Patel. Unanimously approved. • COH members to update specific sections of the annual report: Cezar Perez (environment), Tatjana Meerman (public health administration); Dr. Nichols (access to care). • Commissioners may contact Meghan Sontag with input on the June and July meeting agendas.

	<p>of three workgroups. Specific COH members will update specific sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners discussed the Commission’s role. Commissioners may wish to attend the meeting at which the County Council sits as the County Board of Health. 	
DHHS Mobile Health Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Rogers presented on the DHHS mobile health clinic. The presentation highlighted features of the program, such as the equitable approach to care management, planned static site openings and the design of the ADA-compliant RV. Commissioners discussed the clinic’s “handoff” model for referrals. Original ask was for clinical manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners will develop materials to advocate for a manager for the mobile health clinic: Milan Patel (research), Venchele Saint Dic (written testimony); Laurel Fain (oral testimony).
COH Officer Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcela Campoli indicated that she has received 1 nomination for Chair (Gabriela Lemus) and 1 nomination for Vice Chair (Marcela Campoli). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners may write to Marcela Campoli if there are other nominations prior to next meeting. Nominees must be present at the next meeting.
Membership Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Emery discussed the process for soliciting and interviewing new Commissioners. Interviews are expected to take place in June through August. Interviews and materials submitted are confidential. Meghan Sontag reported that Commissioners may continue in their place until replaced, and that a quorum of the Commission is calculated based on sitting members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Finkelstein and Betty Smith will assist Chair Emery with the interviews.
Meetings with County Executive and County Council Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Emery presented a proposal for how the Commission conducts advocacy, comprised of three meetings with the County Executive and Staff, and 	No action.

	<p>three with County Council and Staff. Commissioners discussed the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ashford noted that the Commission may be able to advocate for FY 2025 items still yet. Tara Clemons Johnson discussed the status of FY 2025 budgets. 	
BCC Liaison, Healthy Montgomery and MCAB Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners shared past experience of visiting and attending other boards and commissions. • Chair Emery suggested other commissions that Commissioners may wish to sit in on 	Chair Emery will circulate a list of other commissions for discuss at a future meeting.
Adjourn		Motion to adjourn made by Susan Emery. Motion seconded by Betty Smith. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.