

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

July 24, 2024 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Viviana Azar, Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Melanie Bunting, Mark Foraker, Denise Kishel, Beth Barrows, Wayne Swann, Dr. Khalfani Walker, Kate Lu, Kate McGrail, Dr. Deborah Miller-Young, Leslie Richin

MCAB Members Absent: Dr. Yuchi Huang, Dr. Kisha Davis, Vahe Hovian

DHHS Staff: Magda Brown, Ashley Miller, Rebecca Smith, Dr. Tricia Boyce, LaSonya Kelly, Sean Gibson, Melinda Fredricks

County Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson

Primary Care Coalition: Sarah Frazell, Leslie Graham

Guest: Peter Lowet, Susan Emery, Lynn Arndt, Sonya Bruton

Wayne Swann, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Meeting held via Microsoft Teams video/teleconference

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<p>Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2024 Wayne Swann</p> <p><i>Moved by Denise Kishel</i> <i>Seconded by Kate McGrail</i> <i>The motion was passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2024</p> <p><i>Moved by Dr. Khalfani Walker</i> <i>Seconded by Denise Kishel</i> <i>The motion was passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>Mark Foraker submitted an amendment to Ashley Miller for inclusion. On page 3, under Questions / Comments: first item: the phrase “senior patients ages 65+” was added just before “with Chronic conditions” at the end of the first sentence. Mark Foraker, Melanie Bunting and Denise Kishel requested to be added to June attendance. The Board’s motion approved the minutes with the suggested changes discussed at the meeting.</p>	Update June Minutes	Ashley Miller	Following July MCA B Meeting
2.	Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB) Chair Report			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Swan reviewed the panelists invited to the September 25 Annual Retreat meeting: Councilmembers Dr. Kate Stewart and Gabe Albernoz, and County Executive Marc Elrich Mark Foraker agreed to moderate the panel as suggested by Wayne Swan <p><i>Moved by Wayne Swann</i> <i>Seconded by Mark Foraker</i> <i>The motion was passed unanimously.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on response to the FY25 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Swann shared that TROIKA is working on a plan to request substantial funding in the supplemental budget during the next budget process. Wayne also noted this may be something that MCAB would like to consider also. Membership update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 new members have been confirmed to MCAB by County Council: Beth Barrows, RN will represent the Commission on Health (replaces Susan Emery) and Vahe Hovian will represent the Primary Care Coalition Board (replaces Dr. Helaine Resnick) Beth, in attendance, made a brief introduction. Sharron Holquin has submitted a formal resignation. She served on the Board as a Consumer Representative. 			
3.	Health Officer Update See Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Kisha Davis was not able to be present at the meeting. A written report was included in the Board packet for the month's meeting. Ashley Miller made a special note regarding the upcoming listening session hosted by the Maryland Commission on Public Health, in partnership with Montgomery County DHHS. All Montgomery County residents are invited to attend on Tuesday, July 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the 3rd floor hearing room of the County Council Office Building. No questions or comments from members. 	Kisha Davis		
4.	Health Care for the Uninsured Report Q&A See Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions or comments were provided by members 	DHHS Staff		
5.	Montgomery Perinatal Program Update See Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Smith made a presentation on the evolution of the Montgomery Perinatal Program, formerly the Maternity Partnership Program (MPP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPP programs cover eligible pregnant women and mothers enrolled in Medicaid. The transition was marked in response to the passing of the Healthy Babies Equity Act, which allowed all low-income pregnant persons to enroll in Medicaid, rendering the original MPP redundant. 	Rebecca Smith		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overarching goal of the MPP is to reduce infant and maternal morbidity and mortality through home-based care management and educational services. • There are 5 main programs to address the MPP goals, with additional programs specifically targeting populations with higher disparities in health outcomes (e.g. teens, Black/African American). • Additional Maternal and Child Health programs include lead poisoning and asthma prevention, vaccinations, and child fatality review. • Wayne Swann inquired if a lactation consultant had been hired with the formerly approved funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Smith noted that in lieu of a formal consultant, the funds were used to train several community health workers and 4 RNs as lactation counselors, increasing the total number of trained County staff. • Peter Lowet (public) inquired if Medicaid MCOs provide home-based support for breast feeding or other home visiting services? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Smith noted that home-based lactation support is not covered under Medicaid unless it is a medical need. • Sonya Bruton (public) requested a meeting with Ms. Smith regarding WIC numbers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Smith said she would work with Ms. Bruton to schedule a meeting time. 			
<p>6.</p>	<p>MCAB Subcommittee Update and Composition Wayne Swann See Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne Swann stressed the need to keep subcommittees balanced and with applicable expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several suggestions were made to maintain balance among the subcommittees: Mark Foraker to chair MCares instead of Health Care for the Homeless; Dr. Walker to chair Dental; Dr. Kelly to chair Health Care for the Homeless to replace the suggestion adjustment by Mark Foraker ○ Dr. Kelly and Dr. Walker will take time to consider the roles ○ Dr. Walker and Dr. Miller-Young will be meeting in August with Dr. Boyce and Dr. Rogers to learn more about the dental subcommittee and responsibilities. ○ Ashley Miller will provide an updated subcommittee list with each member’s term expiration date to aid in decision making. A few members have reached their term limits and will be stepping down from the Board in the coming months. 	<p>Share updated subcommittee list</p>	<p>Ashley Miller</p>	<p>Before September MCAB Meeting</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Chair/Vice Chair Election Process Update MCAB Nominating Committee – Denise Kishel See Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Kishel presented on the upcoming election process; the process and instruction for submitting a nominations is included in the July Board packet. • The Chair and Vice Chair will each serve a 1-year term starting in October 2024. • The Nominating Committee includes Wayne Swann, Denise Kishel and Dr. Kathryn Kelly, with Ashley Miller serving as Staff Liaison. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is currently accepting nominees via email through August 28. ○ MCAB members may self-nominate or nominate another member; all nominees must submit a brief statement of interest. • Nominees will be announced at the September MCAB meeting. • The Board will vote to select a Chair and Vice Chair, by secret ballot, at the October meeting. 	<p>Submission of nominations to the Nominating Committee and Staff Liaison</p>	<p>MCAB member</p>	<p>August 28</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible, nominees must be present at both the September and October meeting. Chair and Vice Chair duties are outlined – see document from packet. 				
8.	Network Adequacy Study Results High-Level Overview and Q&A See Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to unforeseen circumstances, the PCC representative was unable to attend the meeting to present the high-level overview of the Network Adequacy Study results. Five documents were included in the Board packet; questions may be directed to Ashley Miller. A full report is expected in October. Beth Barrows requested the Adequacy Report be shared with Commission on Health, to which Denise Kishel inquired whether the report was designated as public information at this time? Ashley Miller will look into this and follow up with the Board regarding if the Study documents can be shared. 	PCC	Update on sharing policy of documents	Ashley Miller	Before September MCAB Meeting
9.	Board Representative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Swann noted that time will be allocated in future agendas for MCAB members that serve in their position as representatives for other Boards, Commissions or groups to provide representative updates. Updates will be shared at an upcoming meeting. 	Wayne Swann			
10.	September 25, 2024 Agenda and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is the Annual MCAB Retreat and will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 in person from 4-7 p.m. at 401 Hungerford (A&B Conference Room) in Rockville. No meeting held in August 	Wayne Swann			
11.	Meeting Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at (7:05) PM <i>Moved by Kate McGrail</i> <i>Seconded by Denise Kishel</i>	Wayne Swann			

Respectfully submitted,

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