



**Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Virtual via Zoom**  
**May 5, 2025 | 4-5:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Dr. Kisha Davis, Leslie Graham, Amy Lindsey, Kimberley McBride, Dr. Nguyen Nguyen, Anthony Scott, Judi-Lei Hernandez, Monique Sanfuentes, Cristini Sasaki, Dr. Christina Chester-Connolly, Jacquelyn Williams, Eleni Antzoulatos, Monika Driver, Dairy Marroquin, and Joyce Ezeigbo.

**Healthy Montgomery Staff Present:** Elizabeth Beck, Rita Deng, Dr. Christopher Rogers, and Dr. Chunfu Liu.

**Guests Present:** Mindy Pierce, Annmarie Hart-Bookbinder, Samila Aryal Bhattarai, Patricia Canessa, Emily Samuel, Karen Gutierrez, Toney Brantley, Marlene Orantes, Wanneh Dixon, Nancy Lim, Olivia Prince, Roger Stone, Marcela Campoli, Tara Clemons Johnson, and Heather Bruskin.

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Relevant Links	Action Item/ Responsible Person
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Leslie Graham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.</li><li>Leslie Graham welcomed all attendees, and noted this is her last meeting as Co-Chair.</li><li>Attendance was taken and quorum (50% of membership plus 1) was present at 4:05 p.m.</li></ul>		
<b>Presentation: Whole Blood Initiative</b> <i>Anthony (Tony) Scott</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anthony (Tony) Scott, Battalion Chief, Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Services, presented an overview of the Whole Blood Initiative and program progress to date.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">CLICK HERE: WHOLE BLOOD PRESENTATION SLIDES</a></li></ul>	
<b>Maternal Health Update</b> <i>Dr. Kisha Davis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Kisha Davis shared the following Maternal Health Update:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advancing Maternal Health Summit was held on March 14, 2025. The gathering united healthcare leaders, policymakers, community advocates, and families to foster partnerships, examine systemic</li></ul></li></ul>		

	<p>issues, and develop actionable strategies to improve maternal health equity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitals and other partners are doing wonderful work to address postpartum issues such as hemorrhage. Stressed importance of wraparound care.</li> <li>○ Planning to form a formal taskforce to address this health concern.</li> <li>○ A two-page summary highlighting discussions and next steps from the event will be released, in addition to a longer report.</li> <li>○ Once this is released, a call for volunteers to serve on the taskforce will be shared.</li> </ul>		
<b>CHIP Update &amp; Timeline</b> <i>Elizabeth Beck</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Beck presented an overview of updates in the CHIP process, including an updated timeline for Health Priority Action Teams, the final list of participants, and a refresher on Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Members role in the process.</li> <li>• Elizabeth Beck shared that Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee members will have one month to complete their CHIP review (estimated from August-September).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CLICK HERE: CHIP UPDATE &amp; TIMELINE</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion of Term Members</b> <i>Dr. Kisha Davis and Leslie Graham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kisha Davis and Leslie Graham led a discussion on Term Members that were nominated by Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Members in the March 2025 Follow-Up Survey (see page two of linked document). They noted the buckets were a means to sort the many nominations -the HMSC charter does not define any buckets for Term Members. They also noted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CLICK HERE: HEALTHY MONTGOMERY STEERING COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART</a></li> </ul>	

	<p>the number of nominees exceeds the available Term member slots. Suggestions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adding in summary of what each nominated organization does.</li><li>○ Having more than one organization representing in some bucket areas, especially social service agencies and medical care. Organizations have different focus and priorities that can align with Healthy Montgomery.</li><li>○ Members suggested additional populations and areas for which Term Member organizations might be considered, including the aging and the disabled populations, and the housing sector.</li><li>○ Suggestion to present Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Term Member opportunity at meetings and in organizational newsletters and open the call for organizations to nominate themselves as a Term Member. This ensures the process stays open to all and isn't by invite only.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Create an application process for Term Members to complete and submit for self-nomination.</li></ul></li><li>○ Dr. Kisha Davis informed attendees that American Diversity Group has already expressed interest in becoming a Term Member and self-nominated.</li><li>○ Will continue this discussion during the July 2025 meeting.</li></ul>		
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<b>Co-Chair Voting:</b> <b>Kimberley McBride</b> <i>Leslie Graham &amp; Dr. Kisha Davis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leslie Graham and Dr. Kisha Davis announced that HMSC members had nominated Kimberley McBride of Holy Cross Health, as Healthy Montgomery Co-Chair.</li> <li>Kimberley McBride shared statement on why she wants to serve as Co-Chair.</li> <li>Vote was taken. Eleven (11) Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee members voted to approve the appointment of Kimberley McBride as Healthy Montgomery Co-Chair. None opposed.</li> <li>Kimberley McBride will assume the role of Healthy Montgomery Co-Chair effective immediately and will Co-Chair the next scheduled meeting on July 7, 2025.</li> <li>Members thanked Leslie Graham for her tireless dedication and commitment to Montgomery County.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">CLICK HERE: KIMBERLEY MCBRIDE CO-CHAIR NOMINATION STATEMENT</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Member Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Davis announced a grant opportunity through Montgomery County DHHS Community Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Initiatives Grant Program.</li> <li>Cristina Sasaki shared May events through Montgomery Parks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">DHHS Grant Opportunity</a></li> <li><a href="#">Montgomery Parks May Events</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Wrap up/Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.</li> </ul>		<b>VOTING MEMBERS:</b> Submit your response to the <a href="#">May 2025 Meeting Follow Up Survey</a> .