



## Healthy Montgomery Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) January 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Location

Virtual via Zoom

[Virtual Zoom Meeting link](#)

### Mission and Background

Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee (HMSC) seeks improved health and wellness for all Montgomery County, MD residents. HMSC is Montgomery County's state-designated Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC), and it oversees the local public health department (MC DHHS) community health improvement process (CHI process).

### Attendance

#### Members Present (remote)

- Dr. Nina Ashford, DHHS
- Dr. Kisha Davis, DHHS
- Arthur Summerville, COH
- Mindy Pierce, Primary Care Coalition
- Amy Lindsey, MCDP
- Kimberley McBride, Holy Cross Health
- Dr. Nguyen Nguyen, AAHI
- Henry Montes, LHI
- Anthony Scott, Public Safety
- Judi-Lei Hernandez, Recreation
- Dairy Marroquin, MedStar Montgomery
- Monique Sanfuentes, Suburban Hospital
- Cristina Sasaki, Montgomery Parks
- Dr. Christina Chester-Connolly, MCPS
- Yuchi Huang, CCACC
- Mayur Mody, American Diversity Group
- Ondrea McIntyre-Hall, Kaiser Permanente
- Allison Schnitzer, Montgomery County Food Council

- Monika Driver, Holy Cross Health, alternate
- Kate McGrail, Suburban Hospital, alternate
- Joyce (Chinyere) Ezeigbo, Adventist Healthcare, alternate

## Members Not Present

- Gina Maxham, Adventist Healthcare
- Kathy McCallum, EveryMind
- Samuel Oji, MCDOT
- Jacquelyn Williams, AAHP
- Patricia Rios, Manna Food Center
- Kristy McCarron, YMCA
- VACANT, Healthcare Initiative Foundation
- VACANT, Children's Opportunity Alliance
- Shanna Mizzer, JSSA
- Eleni Antzoulatos, Suburban Hospital, alternate
- Denise Isreal, MCDOT, alternate
- Julie Santos, MedStar Montgomery, alternate

## Proof of Quorum

Quorum is 50% of total membership plus 1. Current total membership is 27, so quorum is 14 members. Attendance was taken at the beginning of the meeting and quorum was had.

## Montgomery County Staff Present

- Elizabeth Beck, DHHS
- Rita Deng, DHHS
- Dr. Chunfu Liu, DHHS
- Dr. Christopher Rogers, DHHS
- Dr. James Bridgers, DHHS
- Samila Aryal Bhattarai, DHHS/AAHI
- Kelly Umana Velazquez, DHHS
- Tara Clemons Johnson, CCL
- Heather Bruskin, DHHS
- Karen Guitierrez, DHHS

## Guests

- Susan Emery
- Marlene Orantes
- Nancy Lim
- Gabiela Huff
- Marcela Campoli
- Catherine Maybury
- Patricia Canessa
- Emily Samuel
- Dr. Crystal DeVance-Wilson

## Handouts

- [Adverse Pregnancy Metric Presentation Slides](#)
- [January 2026 Health Officer Update](#)
- [African American Health Program \(AAHP\) Updates](#)
- [Asian American Health Initiative \(AAHI\) Updates](#)
- [Latino Health Initiative \(LHI\) Updates](#)

## Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

## Welcome and Introductions

Kimberley McBride welcomed attendees, and everyone introduced themselves.

## Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Discussion and Update
  - a. The CHIP is being finalized and will be available for HMSC review soon. HMSC voting members will receive 3 weeks to review the CHIP draft and provide feedback via an online SurveyMonkey form.
    - i. Suggestion from Dr. Nguyen Nguyen: Have HMSC members meet to discuss CHIP before voting via online survey after initial review.
    - ii. Question from Henry Montes: How will the CHIP be distributed and understood by community members and nonprofits? Dr. Davis noted that a copy would be made available in “plain English”. Elizabeth Beck noted there will be an online dashboard where progress can be tracked.
  - b. DHHS and the Montgomery County Hospital Collaborative (MCHC) are hosting a CHIP Roundtable event on Monday, January 12, at the Silver Spring Civic Center. Invites have been sent via email. The roundtable event will feature progress made on the CHIP and its process, an overview of the health priority areas, collaborative efforts aimed at improving health outcomes for the county, and an opportunity to hear from participants on the following:
    - i. What stood out to them about the CHIP.
    - ii. How the CHIP priorities connect with their work, partnerships, coalitions, or other initiatives.
    - iii. How the CHIP Health Priority Action Teams could best support them, either through data sharing, networking, capacity building, or policy alignment.
    - iv. An opportunity to share any resources or support they can contribute to the CHIP process.
  - c. We are continuing to build collective impact and share updates regarding CHIP progress. The CHIP is a living document and will be continuously monitored and evaluated.
2. Presentation: Adverse Pregnancy Metric
  - a. Dr. Chunfu Liu presented on the Adverse Pregnancy Metric, which was created as a metric to allow the Montgomery County DHHS Maternal Child Health program participants to understand their risk of preterm birth and having a baby with low birth weight.

- b. Questions from the presentation can be emailed to Dr. Chunfu Liu at [chunfu.liu@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:chunfu.liu@montgomerycountymd.gov).
- 3. Discussion of 2026 Meeting Times
  - a. Alternative meeting times were suggested for 2026. The meeting days will remain the first Monday of every other month starting in January.
  - b. The suggested 2026 meeting times are:
    - i. 5-6:30 p.m.
    - ii. 4:30-6 p.m.
    - iii. 3:30-4:30 p.m.
    - iv. Keep 4-5:30 p.m.
  - c. A vote for the 2026 meeting times will be included in the January 2026 Meeting Follow-Up Survey.
- 4. Wrap-Up
  - a. Elizabeth Beck will email draft meeting minutes and materials from the meeting.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026, 4-5:30 p.m. via Zoom, unless HMSC members vote to change time.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.