



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) Meeting Notes

Meeting Held: Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89827743604>;

Meeting ID: 898 2774 3604, + 1 301 715 8592

Members in Attendance: Rob Fox, Serge Thomas, Debra Liverpool, Arquilla Ridgell, Gary Fellman, Philip Ardanuy

Guests: Dr. Christopher Rogers, Acting Chief of Public Health Services, Montgomery County, MD Department of Health and Human Services

Montgomery County Elected Officials: David Lorenzo (Representative Concilmember Evan Glass), Kathia Chavez (Representative Councilmember Natalie Fani-Gonzalez), Michelle Whittaker (Representative Councilmember Will Jawando), Joseph Gelula (Representative Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles)

Montgomery County Staff: Luisa Cardona, Stephanie Bello

Time	Topic	Notes
7:08 p.m.	<p>Call to Order & Welcome</p> <p>Meeting Protocols</p> <p>Introduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair called meeting to order 7:08p.m. Quorum Not Present, Board agreed to publish Meeting Notes. Chair reviewed meeting protocols and introduced guest speakers.
7:10 p.m.	<p>Agenda</p> <p>Minutes</p>	<p>Quorum Not Present, Board unanimously agreed to publish Meeting Notes.</p>
7:12 p.m.	<p>Board Business</p>	<p>Stephanie Bello, Program Maager, Mid-County Regional Services Center Director discussed</p> <p>Provided an update on Board Vacancies. There are 25 applicants. 7 vacancies. 9 Candidates were interviewed. One Board member, Serge, re-applied. Board needs to conduct interviews of 15 remaining candidates. Due to upcoming Holidays, interviews will resume/scheduled week of February 26.</p> <p>Board made suggestions for Board Retreat.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Debra asked question about Retreat Agenda and time commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob commented on WUDAC Retreat included planning and forming

		<p>subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra commented that possible venue could be County Offices with food brought in to meeting. • Arquilla commented that Board has designated office space in building on Reddie Drive or could possibly meet in rooms at Recreation centers. • Luisa noted that space (for 20, 50 seats ect..) was available in the Reddie Drive building and could be reserved for the Board’s Retreat date. • Board commented that date should be after new members were confirmed and able to attend. • Gary suggested date be same as usual executive committee meeting date. • Tentative retreat date April 4, 2024. <p><i>Question:</i> Board asked about having two additional interviewers since there are a large number of candidates.</p>
<p>7:15 p.m</p>	<p>Mid County Director’s Report</p>	<p>Luisa Cardona, Mid-County Regional Services Center Director discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHHS hired new contractor named “Identity” to provide youth intervention outreach in the Wheaton, Glenmont and Aspen Hill areas. Will work specifically on targeted outreach for Fentanyl users. Staff will offer bilingual services, street outreach and family services. Goal is to increase youth rehab. <p><i>Question:</i> Rob asked if there were visible behaviors.</p> <p>Luisa responded that camera caught individuals using drugs in elevators. Fund will be used from proceeds of Opioid settlement county received.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Serge asked if Individuals will undergo rehabilitation.</p> <p>Luisa responded individuals will not be forced into rehabilitation, but the goal is to serve as resource towards rehabilitative services.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Gary asked how long funding will last.</p> <p>Luisa responded funding is significant enough to last 18 years. However, program is a one year pilot program and providers may change.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Arquilla asked if funds will be used to support other groups that provide drug addiction services like churches.</p> <p>Luisa responded Yes. Identity is such a group, but County is also looking for service providers that can target specific groups such as African American youth. DHHS has opportunity for multi-level funding that focuses on opioid</p>

		<p>intervention.</p> <p>Michelle Whittaker (Representative Councilmember Jawando) responded that the County has the opportunity to set the funding to be used in a broad sense to allow community based groups to offer help, support and connect with individuals.</p> <p>Luisa explained Council under Urban District Light which is exploration of how urban districts run and growing urban settings to include Olney. In conjunction with Councilmember Luedtke and Olney organizations to explore if there is interest in growing urban district County has set aside funding to help.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Rob asked if the urban district growth initiative was discussed at WUDAC meeting.</p> <p>Luisa responded Wheaton Committee already beginning to explore different models even with 501c3.</p> <p>Kathia (Representative Councilmember Fani Gonzalez) Wheaton had decided on 501c3 model.</p>
<p>7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Elected Officials</p>	<p>Chair acknowledged Elected Officials</p>
<p>7:32 p.m.</p>	<p>Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee Report</p>	<p>Rob Fox, WUDAC Liaison discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need Letter to re-appoint Rob Fox to WUDAC Board. • Luisa will provide letter Chair will sign. • MCCAB Chair thanked Rob for willing to serve as WUDAC Liaison. <p>Luisa Cardona, WUDAC attendee discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WUDAC focused on streeetry • County entering partnership with One Montgomery Green (OMG) to create a plan and design for funding for streeetry which will be green focused. • OMG and County applying for two different grant sources. • OMG in touch with Design firm to help design streeetry • Only streeetry not owned by developer <p><i>Question:</i> Serge asked about location of streeetry.</p> <p>Luisa responded Georgia Ave., Price and Fern Street near Caramelo Bakery. DOT is relinquishing control of streeetry to the Wheaton Urban District for local management to meet community and business needs. Includes Taste of</p>

		<p>Wheaton event. County is conducting survey, on what community and businesses want from Wheaton District, which will be shared with the CABs .</p>
<p>7:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Elected Officials</p>	<p><u>Kathia Chavez (Representative Fani-Gonzalez) discussed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County received 3.8 million funding to help fight Fentanyl epidemic. • Group Identity will be working with County. • Newly formed Wheaton Arts Advisory Counsel with youth held event with great turnout where 150 students from Wheaton and Glenmont area could share feedback about drugs, violence, schools, ect... It was noted that youth want some place to go without having to pay money. • Upcoming event for youth March 5, • Upcoming Budget season. <p><i>Question:</i> Arquilla asked if funds can be used to support parents.</p> <p>Kathia responded that support may include parents and schools. Will get more details next meeting.</p> <p><u>Michelle Whittaker (Representative Councilmember Jawando) discussed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget process beginning. Councilmember Jawando is Chair of Education and Culture Committee Education covers MCPS, Montgomery College and Arts and Cultural items in Mid County area. • Tours of schools in area to have discussion with staff and students to cover various issues. Welcome comments and also let them know if a school should be added to the tour list. • Want to fund projects such as Wheaton Arts and Cultural. • Encourage community members to attend public hearings on budget and legislation. <p><i>Comment:</i> Arquilla made comment that community had concerns about funding for renovating police departments which does not seem to come up during budget hearings.</p> <p>Michelle responded that CIP may have included safety components that include fire and rescue.</p> <p><u>David Lorenzo (Representative Concilmember Glass) discussed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Glass Chair of Transportation and Environment Committee. • Hearing held week and half ago regarding cuts made to transportation budget over 6 years equaling Montgomery County losing 17 million.

Cuts would have affected Ride On affecting 50,000.

- Governor Moore restored transportation funding and increased to \$150 million for Metro, \$26 million for local bus network, \$10 million for mowing, removing litter from state highway.
- For CIP budget program meeting to be held February 26 which will cover transportation mass transit (all BRT routes). County allotted a lot of funds for BRT.

Joseph Gelula(Representative Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles) discussed

- Launched 3rd cohort of Youth Advisory Council which is made up of students from across county to get ideas of ways to improve the community.

Question: Arquilla asked if youth had thoughts about Year Round School. How is pilot program going? What are results of Year Round School pilot program? Was it beneficial to Montgomery County Youth or helpful in resolving any issues?

Joseph responded that he will check on it and get back to the Board.

<p>8:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Guest Dr. Christopher Rogers</p> <p>Acting Chief of Public Health Services, Montgomery County</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>Sharing finding from Community Health Needs Assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be having a town hall for community needs health assessment on Wednesday 2/21/24 at 3:00 P.M. Individuals can register for 2023 health assessment at Montgomerycountymd.gov/healthymontgomery/ and follow link to register. • On website Four Community Health Needs Report, Executive Summary, Infographics, and community partnership summary. Some of these are offered in different languages and pictorial for 6 to 8th graders • Community Health Assessment is part of five phase process that is key to public health to develop improvement plan for action. • Identifying significant community health needs based on data using mixed data approach (qualitative and quantitative) using data directly from community. • Data used from Subgroups of community population. Engaged community stakeholders in focus groups. Also worked with Regional Directors to identify and recruit residences in the region. Focus groups were online zoom with gift cards. Analyzed federal and state data. • Identified health disparities in subgroups (low income, minorities, LGBT). Surveyed over 2500 community members and elevated significant health needs within zip codes. • Most significant health need is mental health (data collected during COVID epidemic). • Most significant social environmental is lack of access to health insurance, health care cost and immigration status. • Most significant risk factors are poor eating habits and texting on phone while driving. • Reviewed 18 significant health needs. Will prioritize 3 or 4 health needs to focus on after asking for community. Share finding to identify resources. <p><i>Question:</i> Phil asked about metrics and MC high standard for quality of life. Will the few 3 or 4 metrics help sustain or improve MC high standard for quality of life/health?</p> <p>Dr. Rogers responded MC is healthiest county. Will use surveys and in-person forums, and other processes. There will be ongoing efforts.</p> <p><i>Question:</i> Serge asked In collecting data, were service consolidation hubs consulted or included in surveys or talks because these service providers can be a great resource.</p>
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8:44 p.m.	Community Concerns	No community concerns raised.
8:44 p.m.	Adjourn	Chair adjourned meeting.

NOTE: NEXT MCCAB MEETING: March 21, 2024
NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (members only): March 7, 2024