

Chairperson: Carlessia Hussein (Resigned)
 Vice Chairperson: Matt Reber
 Executive Secretary: Maura Rossman, M.D., Antigone Vickery
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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
 January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 28, 2020
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Darryl Burnett, Judith Chernoff, Paul Nagy, Audra Nixon, Jill RachBeisel, Matt Reber, Emily Greenberger, Jason Bashura, Erica Martin
Members Excused: Carlessia Hussein, Chairperson
Staff: Dr. Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

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| Welcome | Matt Reber, Vice Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. | |
| Call to Order and Introductions Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes | <p>Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Matt Reber. It was announced that Carlessia Hussein, Chairperson on the Board sent a letter to the County Council resigning from her position in order to devote full attention to her scholarship program for boys in Howard County. In addition, Gary Stewart, Board Member also resigned because he relocated to another State. To be a member of the Board of Health one must be a resident of Howard County. Departing members will receive a service award. The Board will need to discuss succession planning.</p> <p>Motion to accept January’s BOH agenda was approved as changes were needed. The agenda was adjusted because of the announcement of the Board’s Chairperson resigning. In addition, two items were added (1) presentation on Coronavirus Infection and (2) Budget-Spending Affordability Advisory Committee. Motion to accept the revised agenda by E. Martin and second by J. Chernoff.</p> <p>Motion to accept and approve November’s Minutes. Motion was made by M. Reber and seconded by J. Chernoff after it was noted that typo errors were corrected. Minutes will be re-sent out to members. Motion to approve unanimous.</p> | |

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| <p>Committee Reports</p> | <p>There are 5 Subcommittees: Data Science Committee, Health Disparities/Equities Committee, Mental Health Services Committee, Bylaws Committee, An Approving of Appointments Committee. With the three committees, recently formed: Only Health Disparities/Equities Committee was prepared to present tonight. It was decided that the Sub Committee reports would be tabled until the next meeting in February.</p> <p>Question? Can we bring in outside individuals to assist with the committees or will it just be the BOH Members? Answer: Yes, we can bring in outside individuals per the Chair.</p> | |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>M. Reber would like to review the Open Meetings Act. It was noted that if subcommittees (1) are not making decisions it is not subject to Open Meetings and (2) if you do not have a quorum it is not subject to Open Meetings Act. One can refer to County Lawyer David Moore’s response in the November minutes.</p> <p>Board Members discussed how to conduct subcommittee’s meetings. Suggestions made include: 1. It should be up to each subcommittee when to meet. 2. Make clear on the issues to discuss at the meeting, the timeframe, and when to meet (e.g., even an hour prior to the regular BOH meeting).</p> <p>There is ongoing health issues in our County being identified. The concept of coming together as a subcommittee to determine how we address the issue setting the scope, expectation, and the viewpoints of what the committee can accomplish. Need to determine what our priorities are and bring them to the group. Board Members would like to know their specific responsibilities and how much power do they have? Who do they address their subcommittee concerns too? If they are tasking themselves with the different issues what will be the outcome?</p> <p>M. Rossman explains that roles and responsibilities of the Board are listed in County Code and State Code. Based on these, the BOH then would have to make the case for the course of action taken (e.g., tanning beds are a danger to youth and we should regulate. If this involves legislation, it would have to be approved by the County Council. As part of the roles and responsibilities, the BOH serves as an appeals body for environmental health issues. If the HCHD determines a resident need to update their septic system and the resident doesn’t agree, they may appeal to the BOH. If the Board knows of a problem that you think needs to be resolved, then using the roles and responsibilities stated in Code may be a method to addressing the problem.</p> <p>Board Members revisited what initiatives of what subcommittees that they want to address. They agree they would like to keep health disparities/equities, data science, and mental health services subcommittees which were the original committees formed based on the recommendations that was sent to the County Executive. In addition, there is the By-Laws subcommittee. Agreeing to incorporate main objectives as Vaping, Screening, Mental Health and sharing data with the School Board. Motion was made by M. Reber for the committee members to bring one or two recommendations to the next BOH meeting, second by A. Nixon. Motion approved.</p> | <p>BOH members to bring one or two recommendations to the next BOH meeting</p> |

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| <p>Topics for future meetings:</p> <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>Mental Health Needs of Howard County Youth and Adolescents Report from the Newly Formed Subcommittee on Bylaws.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.</p> | |
| <p>Next Board of Health Meeting: February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045</p> | | |