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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
 February 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 25, 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 on the Phone
Members Excused: Erica Martin
Staff: Dr. Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

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Welcome and Call to Order	Meeting was called to order by Chairman, M. Reber at 6:04 pm	
Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes Committee Reports	<p>Motion to accept February’s BOH agenda was approved unanimous.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the January minutes was made by J. RachBeisel and seconded by P. Nagy. Motion to approve unanimous.</p> <p><u>The Subcommittee Reports</u> The subcommittees presented their reports.</p> <p><u>Nominations Subcommittee</u> The committee recommended one resume that was received, a hospitalist who works at a HCGH. The question was raised if a conflict of interest exists, but it was determined that it was not different to other types of potential conflicts and if a conflict presents itself, the person may recuse themselves. A motion was made to move the resume forward to the County Council by J. RachBeisel and seconded by J. Chernoff.</p> <p>It was noted if we want more broad representation on the BOH we should also consider additional professions such as lawyers, the insurance payor system, pharmacy and primary care. It was also noted that diversity is important and should be considered as well.</p>	

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	<p><u>By laws Subcommittee</u> Several edits were made and summarized for the group. Edits with regard to organization and consistency were made throughout the whole document. Edits focused on Article 2 (Functions and Duties) and including verbatim the roles and functions of the BOH from existing County and State code. Article 3 (Membership – which is 11) reflects changes made resulting from the integration of the Mental Health Authority into HCHD. Article 6 (Hearings) and Article 7 (Public Information) was moved into an appendices and simply reference. The new Article 7 addresses Conflicts of Interest. There were no changes. Article 8 (Amendments to By Laws) now references the By Laws Subcommittee. Article 9 (Miscellaneous) added section 9.2 which includes indemnification.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the edits and forward to the County Executive’s Office by J. Chernoff and seconded by P. Nagy. Dr. Rossman thanked Matt, Judith, and Jason for their hard work on the By laws Subcommittee and it was within a couple of meetings.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Subcommittee</u></p> <p>Committees goal is they want everyone in the County to be educated about what is currently being offered across the county. The committee will meet with Dr. Roe Rogers-Bonaccorsy and Dr. Rossman on March 3 to learn more. Dr. Rossman provided a history of behavioral health programs both in written form and described current mental health programs such a school base wellness center program and mental health programs funded by Horizon Center in the schools.</p> <p>The committee wants to better educate ‘first responders’ in the community and simply how people find information. The term ‘first responders’ does not refer to traditional fire EMS and police but instead the general public as a first responder to mental health issues. They reviewed the information on the website and believed information was difficult to find. The proposal of the group is to determine how to better educate communicate mental health information simply.</p> <p><u>Equity Subcommittee</u> A white paper was drafted and discusses equity issues across topical areas. The paper pulls from various sources. We need to narrow down what is the action item we want for discussion. Pulling from LHIC, behavioral health, data pieces and other information sources there will be some over lapping of information.</p>	

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<p>Health Officers Report</p>	<p><u>Data Subcommittee</u> M. Reber and P.Nagy met with staff on February 13 to learn about various databases and data sources the health department has access to. Lots of databases available. Most of the databases are external to HCHD and not connected. It was asked how the Data is used and requested from HCHD. In addition to the databases, there are lots of sources of data including monthly CE report, Annual Report and topical data reports on the website. The Careapp project is also a potential data tool. There have been challenges with the current platform’s ability to provide the necessary data analytics. It is expected the next platform may have improved data analytics.</p> <p><u>Board Priority Discussion</u> Each board member was asked to include their priority areas. There was discussion about how best to do this. It was proposed by P. Nagy that each member identify their priority areas (these were listed on the white board) and the group votes on a first and a second priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Ranking Vaping • Maternal and Infant Health • Landuse and Public Health Impact • Data Sharing and BOE • Education for MH Professionals <p>The groups voted for their primary and secondary choices and maternal and infant health was ranked as first priority and data sharing the second priority.</p> <p>A copy of the 2019 Annual Report was given out. Dr. Rossman provided a brief update on Coronavirus.</p>	
<p>Topics for future meetings: Adjournment</p>	<p>Board Members to Vote on Chair and New Members in March.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.</p>	
<p>Next Board of Health Meeting: March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045</p>		

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