

**THE FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

The Five Hundred Sixty-Sixth meeting of the Baltimore County Board of Health was held April 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the main conference room at the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services and via WebEx.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Adelsberger, Katie McElroy, Dr. Samuel Havrilak, Judy Kistner, Winona Matthews and Camille Smith.

OTHERS PRESENT, Samantha Allen; Accreditation Coordinator, Phyllis Hall; Administrator of Behavioral Health and Community Health Services and Secretary Pro Tem, Neil Patel; Supervisor, Emerging Infectious Disease Unit, Rebecca Riegel; Director, Community Medical Assistance Programs, Kathy Wynn, Executive Secretary and Renee Youngfellow; Acting Chief, Quality Improvement.

Dr. Havrilak noted the passing of board member, Dr. Barbara McLean. Prior to being a member of the Board, Dr. McLean had worked for the Department of Health for many years. She will be missed.

Dr. Havrilak opened the meeting. Should it be necessary to close the meeting, the Chair will conduct a recorded vote on a motion to close. A closing statement will also be prepared that cites the part of the Open Meetings Act that contains the applicable exception, lists the topics to be discussed in the closed session and give the public body's reason for excluding the public.

I. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of March 24, 2023.

Motion: Ms. McElroy
Second: Ms. Kistner
Decision: Unanimous Approval

II. CANDIDA AURIS

Mr. Patel provided an overview of Candida auris, (see attached Power Point presentation).

**III. COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE
COMMUNITY OPTIONS WAIVER NURSE MONITORING**

Ms. Riegel provided an overview of Community First Choice and Community Options Waiver programs (see attached presentation).

IV. PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

Ms. Allen reported the department is preparing for our annual report, addressing as a team the less prepared areas to be included in the final report.

V. DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION BY THE SECRETARY

FY24 Budget

The County Executive delivered his budget message on April 13. The department is on the County Council schedule as a hearing agency for the budget. The budget will be adopted by the County Council in May.

Program Updates

- The animal shelter is FULL of amazing dogs that need to find their forever homes. While supplies last, we are sending home every adopted dog with a care package. The package include toys, treats, a bandanna, and a PetSmart gift card. All dog adoption fees are waived at this time as well
- Ms. Leister attended a virtual walk through for the new mobile unit van due to be delivered any time now.
- We are in the process of working with the hospitals to update the community health needs assessment.

Personnel Updates

- Sad news to report of the passing yesterday of Behavioral Health employee , Dena Trail. Dena was a Human Services Program Supervisor and had been with the County for 24 years.
- Interviews have been completed for the Bureau Chief of Clinical and School Based Services and a recommendation has been made.
- Interviews for the Bureau Chief of Community Health Services have been scheduled.

Facility Updates

- Ms. Leister attended a site visit on March 15 for a potential WIC location.

Trainings/Events

- April 3-9 was National Public Health Week – in recognition of Public Health Week, each staff member received a tote bag, lanyard and cutlery set. Della visited staff as her scheduled allowed.
- National Drug Takeback Day – April 22. We do not have information yet as regards to numbers received.
- A symposium on Maternal Child Health Resource and Information Sharing will be held on Tuesday, May 9 , 12-1:30. The symposium will be virtual.

- On March 29, 2023 over 200 volunteers gathered for a regional mock drill hosted by our Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) team. Staged to simulate and perfect planning for mass dispensing of medications that would be needed in the event of a public health emergency, the drill was a huge success. During the simulation, the team exceeded expectations by achieving a distribution threshold of approximately 6,000 courses of medication to almost 2,000 households per hour.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

The next meeting of the Board is May 26.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:40AM.

Motion: Ms. Kistner
Second: Mr. Adelsberger
Decision: Unanimous Approval

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