

**THE FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024**

The Five Hundred Seventy-Sixth meeting of the Baltimore County Board of Health was held May 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. via hybrid method.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Winona Matthews

OTHERS PRESENT: Della Leister; Interim Health Officer and Secretary to the Board, Dr. Sohail Qarni; Acting Deputy Health Officer/Medical Director, Tamara Anderson; Supervisor, Conservation of Hearing & Vision, Nolan O’Dowd, MD; Chief of Clinical and School Based Wellness Bureau, Renee Youngfellow; Chief, Quality Improvement, and Kathy Wynn, Executive Secretary

I. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of April 26, 2024

Motion: Ms. McElroy
Second: Mr. Kistner
Decision: Unanimous approval.

II. CONSERVATION OF HEARING & VISION

Ms. Anderson provided an overview of the Hearing & Vision program and services offered (see attached Power Point).

Maryland Law §7-404 (a,1) states: "Each county board or county health department shall provide hearing and vision screenings for all students..."

- **Which schools?** Public schools and private schools
 - Mandatory (opt-out) except for church-exempt private schools
- **Which grades?** Upon entering school system, 1st grade, and 8th or 9th grade (Note, we also test 4th grade and some preschools)
- Results and educational materials are to be sent to parents, and for those who fail, a form is to be returned on services received

III. PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

Ms. Amihere provided the accreditation update.

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

- The annual report was submitted and approved. The next annual report is due March 31, 2025.

Language Access Plan Project:

- Katie Miller who was the project manager and public health liaison departed from the consulting agency CDM (Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.) Migrant Rights Center, Inc. on May 10. CDM is working on a transition plan for her role on the Language Access Project to continue collaboration with Health and Human Services.

IV. DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION BY THE SECRETARY

COVID numbers are have increased slightly. There was an outbreak in a long-term care facility in the County. Another variant is being seen. The current vaccine matches that variant.

Program Updates:

A Stroke Smart press event with hospital partners was held on May 15 to bring awareness of the signs and symptoms of a stroke. The County Executive had previously signed a proclamation declaring Baltimore County a Stroke Smart County. The press event was well attended and a great collaboration with all our health care partners.

Personnel:

Ms. Leister was appointed as Interim Director and Health Officer on May 6. The County and MDH are currently recruiting for a replacement physician to fill the position.

Site Visits:

- MDH Audit – This audit covers a 3-year span. The state security breach and the transition from Advantage Financial to Workday has presented challenges with pulling reports. The fiscal team is working diligently on this audit.

Facility Issues:

- We are working with Property Management at Lansdowne to accommodate the increased demand for clients at the WIC center.
- The layout of the third floor at the Eastern Family Resource Center is being reviewed. Some beds are needed for isolation purposes, not the entire floor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

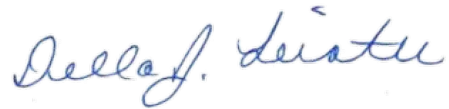
VI. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 28, 2024.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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



Della J. Leister, RN