

Chairperson: Carlessia Hussein  
 Vice Chairperson: Sheri Lewis  
 Executive Secretary: Maura Rossman, M.D., Antigone Vickery  
 Recorded By: Gloria Whittington

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
 February Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** February 26, 2019  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Howard County Health Department  
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

**Members Present:** Carlessia Hussein, Jill RachBeisel, Darryl Burnett, Sheri Lewis, Matt Reber, Deborah Rivkin, Gary Stewart  
**Members Excused:** Judith Chernoff, Erica Martin, Paul Nagy  
**Staff:** Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant  
**Guest:** Jeffrey Dannis, Christopher Johnson-Boy Scotts of Howard County Troop #757 and his Mom

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action / Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to accept February’s BOH agenda. Unanimous approval.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to accept January’s BOH minutes. Unanimous approval.	
<b>Guest</b>	Christopher Johnson with the Boy Scotts of Howard County Troop #757 and his Mon who wanted to attend a Public Board of Health meeting.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p><b><u>Accreditation: PHAB</u></b></p> <p>Lois Joellenbeck, HCHD Accreditation Coordinator, provided a presentation to the BOH as a precursor to the site visit scheduled for Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday May 22. See attached presentation.</p> <p>The presentation covers who is PHAB (the Public Health Accreditation Board), describes the benefits of accreditation, the process, the evaluation criteria (ie, the 12 Domains) and scope of review, and preparations to date. The session most relevant to the BOH is the Governing Entity (Domain 12) which is tentatively scheduled to be on Wednesday May 22. A confirmation from PHAB is expected shortly. This session will be one-hour long and in addition to members of the BOH, attendees will also include representatives from MDH and Howard County Government, as the Governing Entity for HCHD is principally State MDH with required coordination with County</p>	See attached presentation and one-page description of Governing Entity

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action / Follow-up
<p><b>Health Officer Report</b></p>	<p>Government and BOH. This triad structure is explained in the one-pager created for PHAB (a copy will be sent out to board members).</p> <p>PHAB accreditation covers population-based disease prevention, health protection, and disease promotion. It was explained what happens during the site visit and a building walk through. A mock site visit will be scheduled in early April and 1-2 BOH members will be asked to participate in the Governing Entity session. For those interested, you will be notified of the date to meet to prepare you here at the HCHD.</p> <p><b>Youth Suicide Prevention Plan:</b> It was shared that there was another suicide over the weekend. The Department will soon launch the awareness campaign to increase awareness of this issue in our community. Scheduled for this Thursday, March 28, 2019. Our marketing and awareness implantation process which the department has been working on for the last 18 months.</p> <p><b><u>Reviewed and Questions of Health Officers Report</u></b></p> <p>Chairperson flagged some things in the Health Officers Report that was of interest to Congratulate the Department on.</p> <p><b>Page 8.</b> Under Bureau of Access to Health: MAT will be visiting local vendors and international grocery markets in attempts to increase ESL participates starting in February. Signs will be displayed in English, Spanish, and Korean.</p> <p><b>Page 9:</b> Launching a Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign in February. The original date was postponed by the County Executive but has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 at HCHD office at 12;00 noon. The County Executive and media will be attending. An email will be sent out to Board Members with details.</p> <p><b>Page 13:</b> HCHD Balance Wellness Committee hosted a seminar and wellness fair for staff in January titled “Know your Numbers”. Included a Nutritionist, a MDH Nurse who provided screening for blood pressure and body mass indices and personalized counselling and wellness coaching services. It was suggested by board member they would like to see blood pressure screenings taken in other facilities in the County.</p> <p>A response is not being requested from the Health Officer, per the Board’s Chairperson. Those items she wanted to point out and to say the Department is doing a good job.</p>	

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action / Follow-up
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p><b><u>BOH Composition</u></b></p> <p>There remains one vacancy for the BOH, the environmental position.</p> <p><b><u>For the Good of the Group:</u></b></p> <p>All Board Members are invited to join and be part of our PHAP site visits. Schedule of site visit will be shared.</p>	
	<p><b>Topics for future meetings:</b>  2018 Health Assessment Survey – March  Transition Report – April  PHAB Accreditation Update – March and April if needed  School-based Wellness (TBD)  Marijuana Grower (TBD)</p>	<p>School-based Wellness Evaluation report by GWU will be sent to BOH members</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>It was noted that there is an interest to discuss the County Executive Balls' Transition Report and how can the BOH address the issues in the report. This can be viewed at:  <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5VnU7PGY-RI%3D&amp;portalid=0">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5VnU7PGY-RI%3D&amp;portalid=0</a></p>	<p>This will be a topic at the April 2019 meeting.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i></p>	

**Next Board of Health Meeting:** March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbia, MD 21045