

Meeting Minutes: Maternal and Early Childhood Consortium

Date: 1.18.17, Community Room

Co-chairs: Nadine Miller/OCY & Ailene Keys/Health Department

Guest Speaker: Barbara O'Malley, Director

MC Department of Health and Human Services

- ❖ Development of HHS Department provides an opportunity to have a 'seat' within the county leadership team. The HHS director meets with county leadership on a weekly basis to discuss services delivered by the various offices and develop plans to ensure the needs of the community are met
- ❖ Review of HHS structure (see handout) – three parts. All Montgomery County Health and Human Services offices and Administrators identified and described as it relates to services provided.
 - Program Offices
 - Community Connection Office
 - Strategic Support Offices
- ❖ HHS structure is designed to increase coordination of services
 - Address community conditions more effectively
 - Provide more coordinated service delivery to Montco residents and reduce the need for multiple intakes, i.e., Referrals, Use of Agencies, etc.
 - Implement a system that is easier for everybody to navigate. The community member should not have the burden of figuring out the system, the system should take on the burden of making obtaining services easier
 - Shared data-base system
 - Ease of access to services, both county and community-based. Enhance 211
- ❖ Projects and Services to come or already Implemented:
 - One Strategic Support Office position is left to fill: Integrative Services. This position will work closely with the Performance and Planning office to develop programs, initiatives, and trainings that allow the program offices to work in a more collaborative fashion. The focus will be on the overlay of populations within the program offices, for example issues pertaining to mental health, opioid addictions, etc.
 - Ensuring that services are available and accessible within the communities - G.I.S. Consultant – Public Safety, Human Services; where are the services located?
 - Using data to develop or support services. Some examples:
 - ✓ Monto Anti-Hungry Network – Getting food to people in need, i.e, use food Pantries
 - ✓ Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) report – Highlight issues of Montgomery County
 - ✓ 211 – Information Resources

- ✓ Opioid Task Force/Work Group – data showing how many people are overdosing, etc.
- ✓ Resource Bank within the Community – Information to show all the Resources available to the community. Make it public to use for everybody.

Brief Q&A with Barbara

❖ **Next meeting scheduled for 03/15/17 at 9:30AM**

Please invite 2 other Professionals you know to come around the table for the next meeting. **Guest Speaker** will be **Cathy Palm, The Center for Children's Justice**