

TOWN HALL MEETING

On the Health and Human Services Needs of Prince George's County

*Facilitated by the RAND Corporation in partnership with the Prince George's County Council
Sitting as the Board of Health*



TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

The County Council Sitting as the Board of Health reconvened the meeting at 7:16 p.m. with 8 members present at roll call:

Present: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras. Council Member Ivey arrived at 7:20 p.m., Council Member Dernoga arrived at 7:25 p.m. and Council Member Hawkins arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk of the Council

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Clerk

Karen Campbell, Director, Office of Communications

Angela Rouson, Office of Communications

Gillie Haynes, Office of Communications

John Edmunds, Office of Communications

Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer

Anika Jackson, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Aminah Bushrod, Communications Specialist

I. Introductory Remarks by Council Chair Todd M. Turner

Chair Turner provided introductory remarks and welcomed the citizenry to the Town Hall Meeting.

II. Introduction of the County Council Sitting as the Board of Health

Each Council Member introduced themselves.

III. Introduction of Facilitators

Chair Turner introduced the Council's partners from RAND.

Christopher King, Facilitator

Program Director & Associate Professor, Georgetown University Department of Health Systems Administration

Ashley Kranz, PhD, Co-Project Director

Health Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation

IV. Overview of Health and Human Services Needs Assessment

Ashley Kranz provided a brief overview of the Health and Human Services Needs Assessment of the County which includes analyzing data, interviewing experts and asking County residents for their perspective on the issue. The goal is to make recommendations for improving the health and well being of County residents. A report will be released to the public and is anticipated in early 2020.

V. Brief Survey and Audience Polling

A short anonymous survey requesting demographic information was distributed to attendees.

Dr. Christopher King explained the Health Factors such as health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment. Health in All Policies is a collaborative approach that includes health considerations into all policymaking activities across government agencies. This approach involves not just thinking of health in public health and health agencies, but also placing health in the missions and policies of all agencies.

Hand held polling keypads were distributed to attendees to facilitate real time results. The following statements were listed:

(Select 1 Option) - "1. Strongly Agree, 2. Agree, 3. Neutral, 4. Disagree, 5. Strongly Disagree, 6. Don't Know".

- a. There is good healthcare in my community.*
- b. My community is a good place to raise children.*
- c. My community is a good place to grow old.*
- d. There are good jobs in my community.*
- e. My community is a safe place to live.*
- f. There are good schools in my community.*
- g. My community has good laws and policies that keep people health.*

Participants were asked to Select 3 Options from a list of resources needed most in their community.

Participants were also asked to Select 3 Options from a list of health issues that should be a priority for their community.

VI. Comments and Questions by Interested Citizens

MEETING PROCEDURES

We will be operating with time limitations of three (3) minutes per speaker. Your cooperation in immediately concluding your remarks will be very much appreciated. There will be no relinquishing of time by one speaker to another. Written statements may be submitted for the record in addition to, or in lieu of, verbal testimony.

1. *Carletta Lundy, Council Member, Town of Bladensburg*
2. *Sonja Bachus, CEO, Greater Baden Medical Services*
3. *Barnadette Kilcher, Individual*
4. *Susan Emery, Circle of Rights, Inc.*
5. *Les Greenberg, Hearing Loss Association, Prince George's County Chapter*
6. *Ernestine Nicholson, Individual*
7. *Walter Redmond and Linda Redmond, Individuals*
8. *Valerie Crawford Schiele, Blue Flowers Org*
9. *Javier Luna Victoria, Individual*
10. *Traci Jones, Individual*
11. *Yasmina Mudares, SH Connections, Hyattsville*
12. *Lorraine Washington, School Nurse*
13. *Adrienne Leonard, School Nurse*
14. *Raymond Colbert, Individual*
15. *Liena Sayer, Individual*
16. *Claudia Rennington, Individual*
17. *Angela Malone Williams, Individual*
18. *Jean Drummond, Individual*
19. *Michell LaRue, CASA*
20. *Alicia C. Melendez, Individual*
21. *Stephen Thomas, Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Health*
22. *Catalina Sol, Executive Director, La Clinica del Pueblo*
23. *Romey Azuine, Founder/CEO Global Health and Education Council*
24. *Alex Hirtle, Individual*
25. *Cynthia Baur, Maryland School of Public Health*
26. *Felicia Elvis, Physician's Assistant*

VII. Recommendations and Priorities of Community Input

Dr. King explained that he and his group have documented all the comments which include, but not limited to, children's health, access to healthy/affordable foods, services for the aging, services for individuals that are undocumented, services for the hearing and/or vision impaired, services for the non-English speaking population, bike trails and walkable communities, women's health, mental health services, substance abuse services and educating the public on how to access the services available to them.

VIII. Closing Remarks by Council Chair Todd M. Turner

Chair Turner thanked Dr. King and Ms. Kranz for their assistance and thanked the members of the public who attended and participated in the Town Hall Meeting. The Chair invited the audience to visit the Council's Board of Health Website to find more information about the Health and Human Services Needs Assessment at pgccouncil.us and link to the Board of Health page. For those who were unable to attend, they may engage the survey materials at the same website. Additionally, comments may be submitted to the Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk of the Council at the address below until Friday, June 21, 2019.

IX. Adjournment – *The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.*

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Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772