

**HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
JULY 28, 2022
(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES**

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimi Scott-McGreevy, GRMC Duane Yoder, GCDSS Larry Tichnell, Commissioner
Robert Stephens, GCHD

CONSUMER MEMBERS PRESENT

Shanna Humphrey George Evans Rodney Glotfelty Edgar Harman
Steve Putnam Dr. Karl Schwalm

VISITORS

Dr. William Pope Jennifer Lee-Steckman John Corbin Grace Bolyard
Marian Emr Donna Fost Amy Ritchie Fred Polce, Jr.
Dr. Jenny Corder Jeremiah Zeigler Maria Friend Susan Mills
Tiffany Fratz Julie Teter Emily Paterson

Edgar Harman called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. in the conference room of the Garrett County Health Department. The minutes from the June 23, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

MARYLAND POISON CENTER

Emily Paterson from the Maryland Poison Center presented an overview of the Center. (see attached PowerPoint)

She explained that their hotlines are answered by nurses and pharmacists, so you are speaking directly to Certified Specialists in Poison Information. Their hotline number is 1-800-222-1222.

For information sheets, newsletters, activity sheets, and education videos, please go to mdpoison.com. They are also on all social media. Emily's contact information is epaterson@rx.umaryland.edu.

To complete an evaluation on Emily's presentation, please go to; <https://bit.ly/PubEdProgEval>

MARYLAND 988 SYSTEM

988 or chat 988lifeline.org replaces the suicide prevention hotline and 211 for persons having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. There are 8 regional call centers in Maryland and Garrett County calls are sent to Frederick, the nearest call center.

AGENCY UPDATES

GCHD - Two units of the Health Department, Behavioral Health and Adult Evaluation Services, are experiencing significant staffing shortages and cannot respond as quickly as we would like, so please be patient with us.

There has not been a Health Fair for several years, but there will be a health presence at the Garrett County Agricultural Fair in the exhibit barns.

Dr. Corder updated everyone on Monkeypox. To date, there are 20,638 cases showing in countries that do not have a history of Monkeypox. The United States has 4,638 and Maryland has 101 cases.

Monkeypox spreads from person to person through direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids; respiratory secretions during prolonged face to face contact; touching items, such as clothing or linens that were touched by the infectious rash; and pregnant people can spread the virus to their unborn child.

HOSPICE - Last week they had their open house for the new North Office located in the McHenry Plaza. They are selling detergent for \$50 per 5 gallon bucket. Stop by one of the offices to order.

GC COMMUNITY ACTION - They have been focusing on a program that allows elderly to remain in their own homes by making modifications. The work needs to be done with the oversight of an occupational therapist and an RN to do home visits. It is difficult to get staff to launch the program.

The COVID funding package that granted rental assistance is coming to an end in September. The program serves 125 families.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Stephens, MS
GC Health Officer/HPC Secretary

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