

MC GOVERNANCE

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
WDCE Council Minutes
03-21-2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Attendees

Members present

- Transcie Almonte-Sabio
- Rabbee Awan
- Anna Donohoe
- Walter Lange
- M.J. Park
- Natasha G. Sacks
- Dorothy Umans
- Emma R. Wilson
- Nadir Zeblah
- Naomi Daremblum

Members excused

- Vathany Say

Members absent

- Zoila Marroquín

Call to Order

- Meeting began at 8:30.
- Meeting will be recorded for minutes review purposes only.

Constituent Concerns

- Follow-up on Board of Trustees meeting concern: Rabbee sent the link to the [BOT website](#) to members. This is where upcoming meeting links and information is posted
 - BOT meetings are not recorded, but minutes and agendas are posted on the website

Invited Guests

- Carolyn Terry
- Clevette Ridguard
- Yvette Taylor
- Rolando Santiago

Guests

- Sue Kim
- Alice-Ann Beachy
- Fizie Haleem
- Alejandra Isaia
- John Amoroso
- Genevieve Liu
- Nelida Andres
- Eric Scharf

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda

- Agenda for today's meeting was approved. Naomi moved to approve; Emma seconded.
- Meeting minutes from **2/21/2022** were displayed for review.
 - Motion to approve 2/21/2022 minutes by Walter; Emma seconded.

WDCE Updates

Dr Carolyn Terry, *Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

- Happy Spring!
- Lumens Updates
 - Program managers, directors and program assistants are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting on 4/21/2023 at the Gaithersburg Center about the full implementation of Lumens
 - Internal IT and Banner teams are working to integrate Lumens with Banner and other systems
 - The initial hope was a Fall 2023 launch which may not be feasible, but the intention is for a Spring 2024 launch at latest. This is Dr' Terry's main goal in her interim role.
 - This will allow WDCE to do many things that credit side has already
- Board of Trustees updates
 - The final BOT presentation on April 17th will focus on partnerships, pathways, and recommendations.
 - The link will be posted on the [BOT website](#) and Dr. Terry will also email it in advance.

Rolando L. Santiago

Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

- Mr. Santiago Shared an overview of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services available for people of all ages in Montgomery County. Many of these services will be available for MC students and their families and communities.
- The mission of BHCS is to promote the behavioral health and wellbeing of Montgomery County residents.
 - BHCS is committed to providing culturally and linguistically competent care using evidence based best practices along a continuum of care.
 - Values dignity and respect, social justice, and partnerships with government agencies.

- BHCS is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. It was recently re-accredited and is currently in leadership transition
- BHCS strategic priorities include focus on harm reduction, crisis services, telehealth services, and behavioral health equity.
- BHCS has a large staff of 230+ working on a range of initiatives as well as partnering with external organizations to provide a variety of services:
 - Residential stabilization services, crisis intervention and outpatient treatment services
 - Medication assisted treatment and other substance use programs
 - Prevention, public awareness, harm reduction (Narcan kits and trainings, etc.)
 - Programs for incarcerated individuals during and after incarceration
 - Trauma services: victims of sexual assault; abused persons programs
 - Multilingual and multicultural services
 - External referrals
- The Crisis Now model is a behavioral health response to people experiencing a behavioral health crisis. This includes a call center, mobile crisis outreach (Independent civilian first response without police and use of peer support specialists in teams), a stabilization center, and crisis care follow up services.
 - Goal 1: divert people who need short-term stabilization from landing in jail or hospital emergency room
 - Goal 2: respond equitably
 - Goal 3: engage the community

Questions

1. Are the staff stretched thin? (Walter)
 - Response: There are vacancies for therapists because therapists are in very high demand now. They have never interrupted their 24/7 staffing, but came close a few times during the pandemic
2. If a student in class has a behavioral health episode, what would be the first step for staff to take? (Dr. Terry)
 - Response: In case of crisis, (e.g. suicidal ideation), call the crisis center hotline: **240-777-4000** – they can advise if it is appropriate to call campus security
 - Recommendation: Get Narcan kits for people in classroom settings given recent increase in fentanyl overdoses in the county

Chair Report by Rabbee Awan

- Upcoming governance nominations and elections reminders
- Special antiracism training coming up on April 4
- Deadline for MC Innovation Fund Grant is today
- AAPI History Month kickoff event on 4/26/2023 in Rockville
- Commencement in Rockville on May 19, (event will also be live streamed)
- Fairytales on Ice event
- Film Festival by Women and Gender Studies program, Mar 9-31
- SafeZone trainings are upcoming in April
- Interpretation and Translation Services reminders
- Mental Health Fair on Wed Apr 26 at TPSS Campus, link to sign up will be shared in PPT

Bonus information: MC Cares

- FSAP rebranded as [MC CARES](#)
- First click on ComPsych link to access any part of MC Cares
- Free sessions for employees and immediate family
- Services besides therapy (home buyer information, financial advice etc.)

WDCE Goal Updates

Natasha Sacks & Anna Donohoe

WDCE Governance Council Vice Chair & Secretary

Goal #1 Updates (Natasha)

- Shared flyer draft. A few cosmetic formatting changes are still pending- will share when finished

Goal #2 Updates (Anna)

- Shared flyer and Padlet link: tinyurl.com/WDCEspring2023Resources
- Volunteer [signup link](#) for Mental Health Fair in TP/SS on 4/26 from 9am-2pm

Announcements and Adjournment

- Next meeting on April 18, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00. Motion to adjourn by Dorothy, seconded by Anna