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**VP of Advocacy Officer Report**

**February 2022**

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**Meetings :**

January 19 Student Welfare Stakeholder Committee

ExComm Meeting with Dr. McKnight

21 #VaxFacts Meeting

23 Mental Health Committee member meeting

24 County Council & Committee meetings

ATAC legislative review meeting

MC Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting

25 Children’s Mental Health Matters! Meeting

MC Mental Health Advisory Council Legislative Committee meeting

MCCPTA DA meeting

27 Mental Health Committee member meeting

National PTA Vaccine Panel with Surgeon General Murthy info meeting

SME Covid-19 Workgroup

28 National PTA Vaccine Panel with Surgeon General Murthy run through

MCPS Inclement Weather Approach

PTA Engage! Adverse Childhood Experiences

31 ATAC legislative review meeting

Mental Health Committee member meeting

AODAAC ExComm meetings

February 1 Fully Funding IDEA meeting with Phil Lynch

MD Parity Coalition Meeting – Mental Health & SUD Treatment Parity

MC Mental Health Advisory Council Legislative Committee meeting

February 2 National PTA Vaccine Panel with Surgeon General Murthy

MC Mental Health Advisory Council meeting

Tobacco Free Kids Meeting

3 H&W meeting with CM Hucker

#VaxFactsPlus Planning Meeting

7 ATAC legislative review meeting

H&W meeting with CM Reimer

MC Mental Health Advisory Council Legislative Committee meeting

H&W Committee meeting

8 AODAAC & MHAC Spring Forum Planning Meeting

FY2023 CIP Budget testimony

Meeting with Del. Sample-Hughes, carriers, advocates, and consumers

on the Parity Coalition’s Balance Billing Legislation

9 MCCPTA Board Memory

**Oversight:**

**Committee/Subcommittee: Advocacy Committee**

**Chair: Lima Abdullah**

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The Advocacy Committee and VP have been working to support school-based vaccination clinics arranged by our MCPS and MC DHHS partners. The effort is funded by a $15,000 grant from National PTA to help respond to MCPS parents’ & guardians’ questions and share information in multiple languages via zoom #VaxFacts, sessions, and to help make the vaccination experience a positive memory for those who choose to get the Covid-19 vaccination at a school clinic with our #VaxFactsPlus supports. We have supported schools over the last 3 weeks and early feedback has been great and MCPS reports an increase in vaccinations delivered.

The committee has submitted a revised plan of work and budget to account for the grant receipts and expenditures. **We need all hands on deck for this effort, please contact Lima or Laura to help with this short term project as we shift to cluster based events.**

**Committee/Subcommittee: Health & Wellness Committee**

**Chair: Hannah Donart**

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The Health & Wellness submitted a letter for the Board’s consideration which was adopted unanimously and sent to the County Executive & Council, the Board of Education, and Dr. McKnight. The letter conveyed the Covid-19 mitigation minimums the committee’s experts and members requests of MCPS, including indoor air quality, mask standards, testing, transparency, and early planning for the return to school from Spring Break.

The ***Mental Health Subcommittee*** welcomes Claire Matzzio as the new Chair! Claire hit the ground running before being named chair and continues to move at the swift pace our urgent circumstances demand.

The ***Substance Use Prevention Subcommittee*** is working with several schools to create pre-prom forums, tobacco free/smoking cessation programs, and substance use awareness & prevention programing in every school and countywide. AODAAC will present the ABCs of Addiction, a three-part education and resource event to begin in February. AODAAC, MHAC, and the Overdose Fatality Review Committee are planning the Spring Forum, an annual collaborative event that brings forward relevant speakers. The consensus thus far, is to focus on youth mental health and substance use prevention and treatment. Look for information on the listservs and social media soon. The full committee report is also available in the February folder.

**Committee/Subcommittee: CIP**

**Chair: Laura Stewart**

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CIP testimony to the County Council occurred on 2/8 & 2/9/2022. Several MCCPTA representatives testified requesting funding for cluster specific projects and full funding of the MCPS requested FY2023-2029 CIP Budget. The full committee report is also available in the February folder.