

Date: October 7, 2024

Time: 9:54 AM EDT

Location: Virtual

Attendees

- Marian Grant
- Ashanti Martinez
- Brian Mattingly (MDH)
- Christopher Kearney (Chair)
- Gail S. Mansell
- J. Tyson
- Jack Schwartz
- Jackie Ogg
- Jeff Zucker
- Joanne Ogaitis (MDH)
- Kimmie Upchurch
- M. Jane Markley
- Sabrina Chase (MDH)
- Sadie Peters (MDH)
- Sara Hufstader Stacy Howes (MDH)
- Steve Glazer
- Susan Lyons
- Tammy Turner
- Tiffany Erbelding (Ignited Strategies)

Agenda Items and Discussions

1. Introductions

Chairman Christopher Kearney introduced new members and attendees, including Senator Arthur Ellis (not present) and Sabrina Chase (Attorney General's representative on the Council). Dr. Sadie Peters was introduced as a guest and potential future member.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from May 31st were presented by Chairman Kearney.
- Motion to approve by Kearney; seconded by Gail Mansell.
- **Approved by majority show of hands.**

3. Administrative Support Transition

- The Council will transition administrative support from the Attorney General's Office to the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA), per original legislation.
- MDOA will handle meetings, public records, minutes, and communications.

4. Council Membership and Appointments

- The Council currently has 23 seats, with multiple vacancies.
- The Governor's Appointments Office is reviewing applications.
- Sabrina Chase provided updates on the appointment process.

5-8. NASHP Serious Illness Institute, AHEAD Maryland, Serious Illness Coalition, and MD Prison Healthcare

Speaker: Marian Grant

- **Serious Illness Coalition:** Focus on palliative care funding and Medicaid reimbursement.
- **AHEAD Maryland:** A state-based healthcare model integrating palliative care considerations.
- **MD Prison Healthcare:** The Council is monitoring the transition to a new prison healthcare vendor, with concerns over quality.
- **Legislative Engagement:** Delegate Ashanti Martinez expressed commitment to advocating for prison healthcare improvements.

9. Update on MD Cancer Collaborative

Speakers: Dr. Sadie Peters and Brian Mattingly (MDH)

- Updates on Maryland's cancer plan, including an expanded section on advanced care planning.
- Pilot project at Luminis Health to increase advanced directive completion.

10. Maryland Advanced Directive Program

Speaker: Dr. Sadie Peters (MDH)

- Revitalizing public outreach for advanced directives.
- Three focus areas:
 1. Educating healthcare professionals and public health workers.
 2. Targeting underrepresented groups (men, minorities, young people, rural residents).
 3. Promoting advanced directives through public campaigns.
- Delegate Martinez expressed interest in assisting outreach efforts.

11. ER Wait Time Commission & JAMA Articles

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Kearney (summarizing for absent Dan Morheim)

- Maryland ranks last in emergency room wait times.
- Discussion of JAMA studies on palliative care benefits and aid in dying.

12. Public Discussion

- The Council seeks earlier engagement with the legislative process to provide timely recommendations.
- The next meeting date is yet to be determined.

Conclusion

- Chairman Kearney recognized the service of departing member Sara Hufstader.
- Meeting adjourned at **11:01:53 AM**.