

Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021
Maryland Commission on Health Equity (MCHE)
January 11, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Minutes

Welcome

Steve Schuh, Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, Maryland Department of Health
Chair of the Maryland Commission on Health Equity

Commission Members In Attendance: Dr. Aliya Jones, Danielle Meister, Erica Chapman, Ernest Carter, Jeffery Woolford, Jennifer Edwards, Kanishk Sharma, Kathleen A. Birrane, Kay-Megan Washington, Keva Jackson, Kristen Robb-McGrath, Leonard Croft, Senator Mary L. Washington, Noel Brathwaite, Robert L. Green, Roslyn Jones, Sarah Beardsley, Steve Schuh, Sylvia Lawson, Tonya Wigfall, Derek Peck, Lance Schine

Guests: Abigail Gadbois, Ben Steffen, Brandi Cahn, Chad Perman, David Cooney, Dr. David Mann, Diana Estrada Alamo, Emily Gruber, Erin Schurmann, Laura Goodman, Mariama Gondo, Marianne Gibson, Mark Luckner, Michael Coury, Michael Gibbons, Nina Jeffries, Sevetra Peoples, Stephanie Klapper, Tequila Terry, Teressa Lee, Tracey DeShields, Trap Jevery, Shadaie Paul, Susan Lawrence, Kathleen Hays, Earl Lewis

Program Updates

Dr. Jeff Woolford (Data Advisory Committee Update)

- Provide leadership with data they need to make decisions
- 12 individuals identified to serve on the committee
 - 2 or 4 year terms
 - Individuals from a variety of fields.

Dr. Noel Brathwaite (Health Equity Policy Committee Update)

- 18 individuals appointed from diverse backgrounds
 - First meeting will be held February 24th
 - Appointees from variety of disciplines

Dr. David Mann & Mariama Gondo (Maryland health care commission)

- HB 309 Compliance reporting
 - Requires that MHHD shall coordinate with HCC to reduce health disparities.
 - Challenges
 - No adequate data collection for compliance evaluation
 - Created a questionnaire to evaluate programs surrounding:
 - Maternal mortality
 - Diarrheal diseases
 - Drug overdose

- Database of programs will be made for future reference
- Recommendations
 - Invest in data collection infrastructure
 - Build effective communication structure to reach staff
 - Electronic tool for data extraction
 - Catalog of programs that target minority populations on state website
 - Ability to stratify data by race, ethnicity, gender etc.
 - 2 investigate tools for measuring and assessing social determinants of health as it relates to health outcomes
 - 3 require collection of race/ethnicity data in the current health
 - 4 collaborate with this commission
- Next steps
 - Shared the draft report with MDH senior leadership for approval and submission to the general assembly

Department Updates/Active Health Equity Programs

- Department of Aging
 - Nutrition outreach to assist those at risk of diabetes
 - Senior nutrition outreach to reduce food insecurity
- Department of Agriculture
 - Farm to school program
 - Sponsored with md dept of ag and dept of education
 - Brings locally produced foods into the schools
 - Teaches kids where their foods come from
 - Culinary classes
 - Joint USDA work
 - Grants providing vouchers, increasing access for:
 - Women infants and children
 - Seniors
 - Mosquito control
 - Prevents west nile infections in vulnerable populations in west baltimore
 - Grants out to other counties supporting health equity programs
- Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS)
 - Looking at Health Justice Umbrella
 - Working on health connection
 - Structured and deliberate connection to communities in which hospitals serve
 - Currently developing connectivity metrics
- Department of Disabilities
 - Response efforts to Covid-19
 - Currently focused on unvaccinated top medicaid communities
 - Mobilizing mobil vax and testing clinics
 - Work with disability health inclusion program

- Workforce development
 - Applied for UI equity grant to improve systems
 - Servicing people with barriers to technology
- Department of Planning
 - No direct programs
- State Police Department
 - No Updates
- Maryland Department of Transportation
 - Air quality voluntary agreement
 - Reduce emissions to neighboring communities
 - Replacing high Diesel to more efficient diesel
 - Participating in urban tree program
 - Working on development of innovative transportation health impact model =
- Department of Veteran Affairs
 - Ensure that veterans are served throughout the state
 - Womens veterans inclusion program
- Insurance Commission
 - Focused on the role private insurance can play
 - Outreach and education to consumers
 - Advocacy and involvement on the national level
 - Look at website for details
 - Working with community groups to do a better job of involving communities.
 - Insurers my ensure that care is provided in a culturally competent way
- Department of Natural Resources | Not in Attendance
- Department of Budget Management | Not in Attendance
- Department of Commerce | Not in Attendance
- Department of Housing and Community Development | Not in attendance
- Department of Human Services | Not in attendance

Special Presentations

1. Presentation from Tequila Terry (Syhis integrated Health improvement strategy)
 - Health services cost review commission
 - Evaluation of quality and cost of care
 - Maryland Health Model
 - CMS Maryland Agreement -total cost of care model (2019-2028)
 - Maryland will work on initiatives that will increase the number of people leading healthy lives
 - Working on bending the healthcare cost curve.
 - All payer Hospital Rate Setting System
 - Sets the rate of services
 - Statewide Integrate Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS)

- Intended to bring together parties to invest and improve the health of marylanders
 - Ultimately reducing cost
- Agreed to work across three domains and targets between 2021-2026
 - Hospital quality
 - Care transformation across the system
 - Total population health
- MOU guiding principles
 - Broad population health
 - Maryland target
 - Focus on improved health equity
- 2019-2020
 - State Planning Teams
 - Domain 1 Hospital quality
 - Reduce avoidable admissions
 - Improve readmission rates
 - Domain 2 care transformation across the system
 - Improve care coordination
 - Domain 3 total population health
 - Focus on specific conditions the population has been grappling with, diab, maternal and child, opioids.
- Updates on implementation
 - Federal government approval
 - Number of interventions that launched across all domains
 - Expansion of healthcare infrastructure
 - Community engagement strategies
 - Creation of data reporting systems
- First Annual SIHIS report
 - Will describe performance, coordination, public and private investments, preliminary information on health disparities
 - 2021 results summary will be posted publicly on HSCRC website in February 2022
 - Progress on all domains will be evaluated by the CMS Innovation Center in 2023 and 2026

2. Emily Gruber Md Primary Care Program

- MDPCP statewide advanced primary care program
 - Voluntary program for providers to join in
 - Build a strong effective primary care delivery system
- MDPCP Health Equity Goals
- Reducing the gap in racial disparities
 - Achieve equitable access to care
 - Reduce gap in PQI like events
- Core Tenets of MDPCP Health Equity Strategy

- Culture of Equity
 - Training
 - Equity in every training
 - Encourage practices to adopt provider/staff training on cultural competency, implicit bias
 - Internal trainings to support a workplace culture of equity
 - MDPCP policy
 - Equity-focused payments
 - Equity-based performance measure
- Data
 - Stratified reports
 - Stratified utilization and cost reports in CRISP reporting services
 - Quality data extraction and disaggregation
 - Support & Technical Assistance
 - Data usage and stewardship best practices support
 - Self-reported demographic data collection best practices support
- What workflows can practices implement
 - Support & Technical Assistance
 - Social needs screening best practices technical assistance
 - Provide support for practices to develop a language access plan
- HEART payment targets social needs
 - New payment streams for providers
 - \$110 PBPM for qualifying beneficiaries
 - Payments must be used to address SDOH for these high need beneficiaries
 - New in 2022

Closing & Next Steps

- Motion to adjourn passes
- Next Meeting April 20th at 1pm
- February 8th Data Subcommittee meeting