

Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Meeting Objectives:

- Reconvene the Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee
- Share updated Parkinson prevalence data

Meeting Minutes:

- **Welcome and Introductions** Guilmate Fuller -MDH-, the new Director for the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control at the Maryland Department of Health, welcomed attendees to the Parkinson Registry Advisory Committee meeting, noting it was the first gathering for the committee in some time. They facilitated a round of introductions, allowing each participant to share their name, affiliation, and role.
- **Review of Agenda and Committee Mandate** Guilmate Fuller -MDH- outlined the committee's mandate, which includes quarterly meetings, collaborating with the state-designated health information exchange (CRISP) to provide Parkinson's disease data on their website, and producing a report on committee activities.
 - They reported that the website has been updated with the latest data.
 - They also mentioned a previously submitted report to the General Assembly regarding recommendations for a fully functional state Parkinson registry and expressed the committee's intention to continue presenting prevalence data reports.
- **Meeting Activity** Guilmate Fuller -MDH- introduced a "start, stop, keep" activity to help reorient the committee, given the long hiatus. The aim was to identify what practices should be started, stopped, or continued for the committee's future evolution.
- **Parkinson's Disease Prevalence Data Presentation** Bradley Knight -MDH- presented the latest Parkinson's disease prevalence data for Maryland, covering September 2019 to September 2024.
 - They explained the methodology, which included data from Maryland Medicaid, HSCRC hospital admissions, and CRISP participant clinical data.

- They noted that the analysis showed a slight dip in prevalence rates across most demographics when comparing the 2018-2023 and 2019-2024 timeframes, with a slight uptick only in the 75-84 age group.

- **Discussion**

- Ian Edwards -MDOA- suggested that it would be helpful to clarify the committee's exact charge, especially regarding the Parkinson's registry, as there was uncertainty about where previous efforts left off and the General Assembly's feedback on the last report.
- Ian Edwards -MDOA- clarified that the Maryland Department of Aging serves all older adults and does not typically operate on a diagnosis-based service model. They explained that while individuals with Parkinson's disease are among their constituents, their department's involvement in specific diagnosis committees or registries is unique, as they do not track services in that manner.

- **Public Comment** There were no public comments.

- **Closing** Guilmate Fuller -MDH- thanked the attendees for their participation and confirmed that the meeting agenda and shared data would be available online .

- They also committed to following up on the status of the last report submitted to the General Assembly concerning the registry .
- The meeting concluded at 3:22 pm.
- The next meeting date is to be determined.