

ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2021

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Committee Members Present

Rachel Pigott (Chair)

Dr. Afton Thomas

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Sumit Bassi

Salliann Alborn

Erika Reymann

Maryland Department of Health Staff Present

Dr. Olubukola Alonge

1. Welcome

Rachel welcomed the Committee members to the meeting. No members of the public were in attendance. Prior minutes were not approved because there was no quorum.

2. Discussion

Rachel shared that a chair's call was held in December but she had informed Jessica Kiel of her unavailability to attend. She will share updates with the team once received. Buki shared that the quarterly HWC team meetings will be scheduled for 2 hours starting January 2022, hence the inability to have the Arthritis Committee meetings on those dates. The Committee decided to skip the meeting in those months; the next Committee meeting will be in February and Buki will update the calendar as appropriate. The request for an arthritis page on the CCDPC website was discussed and a question was asked about the possibility of linking the page to local resources for geographic patients. Rachel will work on a draft which the team can critique later. Afton also shared about the Live Yes and connect groups which are more like support groups for individuals with arthritis. The Committee then discussed the Arthritis Committee action plan and how reach will be determined. The activity around the arthritis web page development was added to the plan. It was discussed that messaging may need to be targeted for different audiences e.g. physicians may have a preference for infographics. There were questions about what outcome measures should be considered on the action plan and Buki will check with the CCDPC evaluation team.

The next conversation was about the monthly messaging by the different committees on the HWC; Rachel shared that she sent the word document for the December messaging to her occupational association and also noticed that the messaging does not translate well into Facebook and hopes it can be resolved in the next iteration. The Arthritis Committee will be responsible for the May messaging and it was agreed that there were some

archived messaging that could be used. It was discussed that considerations should be made to use different social media platforms for dissemination; possibly LinkedIn for providers rather than Twitter and Facebook. Rachel shared a thought about disseminating messages through the licensing boards but Afton noted that it may not work as those are reserved for very important messaging. Afton also shared that she occasionally gets messages from MDH as a State licensed provider.

3. **Next Steps**

- Buki to update the Arthritis Committee calendar for 2022 - Updated.
- Buki to discuss the Arthritis Committee action plan outcome measures with the CCDPC evaluation team.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022; 5:00 – 6:00 PM

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