

## **ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 2020**

**10:00 – 11:00 am**

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### **Committee Members Present**

Rachel Pigott (Chair)

Meg Gwaltney

### **Committee Members Absent**

Jody Marshall (Co-Chair)

Linda Kline

Dr. Summit Bassi

### **Maryland Department of Health Staff Present**

Kristi Pier

Lisa Morrel

#### **1. Roll Call/ Approval of minutes for April 28, 2020 meeting**

Rachel called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. The minutes for the April 28, 2020 meeting were not able to be approved, due to not having a quorum. Additionally, there was an error Rachel found on the April minutes; Lisa will amend the minutes and they will be approved at the July meeting.

#### **2. Discussion**

Introductions were made, as Lisa is new to the Committee. There was a brief discussion about the length of the terms of service and when those terms are up, as well as the renewal process. Rachel stated her term is up in 2020.

The committee then discussed the priorities for the Committee, with the main one being the dissemination of various interventions. The two creative considerations documents for infographics targeting providers and community members were also reviewed and discussed at length. It was decided the Committee will begin work first on developing a resource for providers to improve awareness of arthritis appropriate evidence-based interventions. Lisa presented CDC's recently released Osteoarthritis plan, and there was a discussion about it. A goal will be to identify resources that are in line with the CDC plan. There are nine (9) strategies and it was agreed the Committee would implement the first three in developing the resource. Finally, the Committee continues to look for a Rheumatologist. Rachel requested that if anyone knows of someone who might be good fit for this work, to please bring that information to the next meeting. Rachel has two (2) suggestions which she will forward to Kristi Pier. MedChi has also been contacted for recommendations.

#### **3. Next Steps**

- The committee will target providers, and research to see what resources are available. The topic will need to be determined.
- Rachel will send a follow-up email to the Committee, asking members to view the CDC Osteoarthritis plan prior to the July meeting. The goal is to decide if existing resources should be used, and work on dissemination strategies or determine if the Committee will need to develop something.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

**Next Meeting: July 15, 2020; 5-6 pm (Immediately after Health and Wellness Council Meeting)**