

ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Committee Members Present

Rachel Pigott (Chair)

Meg Gwaltney

Kelsie Shannon

Committee Members Absent

Linda Kline

Dr. Sumit Bassi

Maryland Department of Health Staff Present

Olubukola Alonge

1. Roll Call

Rachel called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm with a roll call and welcome. The August meeting minutes were not available. An apology was tendered and a plan was made to approve both the August and September minutes during the October meeting if there is a quorum.

2. Discussion

Rachel provided updates about the pending/ new recruitments from the HWC, Arthritis Foundation and a rheumatology practice. Kelsie suggested identifying potential partners and collaborators for information dissemination. We were all encouraged to do some research to find out about what currently exists in the State. Rachel will send an email out with a list of trusted sources we can all review.

Meg provided updates on the changes she made to the action plan. Rachel discussed the grid she created for the blog/ newsletter articles. We discussed about possible targets such as health care providers, people living with arthritis and the general population. We discussed about social media posts which will depend on partners and what dissemination they can do through their social media pages. Meg asked about the MDH pages and Buki updated the group about the protocols in MDH and the current landscape with the burden of COVID.

Meg updated the group that today was her last day on the committee. Rachel and all the committee members present were very grateful to Meg for her service and wished her the best in all her endeavors.

3. Next Steps

- Rachel will send the grid for the blog/ newsletter topics to the committee before the next meeting.
- The committee will have the next meeting on October 21, 2020.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Next Meeting: October 21, 2020; 5-6 pm

**Please note that the October meeting date has since changed to October 14, 2020
(immediately after the Health and Wellness Council meeting)**

October 14 meeting details below:

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