

Health and Wellness Legislative Council Conference Call
January 23, 2020
11:00 a.m.
Minutes

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness held a conference call on 1/23/2020, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Members Present

Mary Backley
Mychelle Farmer
Jessica Kiel (Chair)
Namisa Kramer

MDH Staff Present

Hanna Navarrete
Maya Nirmalraj
Kristi Pier
Jody Sheely

Members Not Present

Sumit Bassi
Angela Deal
Jennifer Eastman
Lois Freeman
Gary Gerstenblith
Donna Gugel
Margaret Gwaltney
Roger Harrell
Linda Kline
Seth Martin
David McShea
Aruna Nathan
Donna Nordstrom
Josie Ogaitis
Rachel Pigott
Cameron Pollock
Vivienne Rose
Jason Semanoff
Teresa Titus-Howard
Kristin Watson
Anne Williams
Vanina Wolf
Pamela Xenakis

Guests Present

Grace Fielhauer

1. Open Legislative Council Meeting

Ms. Pier called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 11:00 AM and held roll call. She stated the Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee has reviewed HB134 and made a recommendation to the full council. The purpose of each weekly call is to allow all council members and the

public to discuss the recommendation and for present members to vote on the letter. All members who are not present on the call will receive an email link to vote on the letter.

2. Review of Positions

The council discussed HB134 Health Insurance – Prescription Insulin Drugs – Limits on Copayment and Coinsurance. Dr. Farmer stated the Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee’s decision to support HB134 is to ensure affordability for diabetics who are insulin-dependent. Ms. Kramer asked what amount patients would be responsible for as part of their copayment. Since the bill does not include all details, the council will wait to see all bill changes in the 3rd reader. Ms. Backley stated the bill gives Maryland providers the opportunity to write longer prescriptions for patients, establishing a strong starting point to address this issue. Ms. Sheely confirmed there is no hearing date set for this bill yet.

3. Vote

14 council members voted to support the letter. 3 members abstained from voting.

4. Open Comment from Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

5. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM