# Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease

# Meeting Minutes

## Date February 19, 2020

## Time 10 am-12 pm

Location: Sickle Cell Disease Association of America headquarters

7240 Parkway Drive Suite180 Hanover, MD 21076

Members Present: Baker, Francine; Brown Gray, Virginia; Callahan, Charles; Fitzgerald, Shantia; Francis-Gibson, Beverley; Lanzkron, Sophie; Nnake, Ijeoma; Riley, Crystal; Robertson, Derek; Strawberry, Dyshekia; Taylor, James; Williams, Rudolph

Members Absent: Butler, Camille; Martin, Abby; Thompson-Chittams, Toni; Bailey, Mickell; Fixler, Jason; Law, Jennie; Pecker, Lydia

Guests Present: Miller, J; Bearden, M

Committee Staff: Monika Piccardi

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lanzkron and Beverley Francis-Gibson at 10:15 am. Ms. Francis-Gibson took roll call.

Jody Sheely from the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Support Services gave a presentation on the legislative review process. Slides from the presentation are available upon request. The Committee discussed the process of how to support or not support legislation and how to advise on fiscal notes during the review process. Committee members were encouraged to testify to support HB 1079 as members of the public rather than as members of the Committee due to limited time to formally support the bill. A motion was put in front of the committee to have the support HB 1079 but as members of the public rather than committee representatives.

The Committee reviewed and approved the previous meeting minutes of December 18, 2019. Updates and questions were answered from the previous meeting.

Bylaws for the steering committee were reviewed, discussed, amended, and approved to include; taking out the word “and” in Article II, Section D; Adding “a special meeting of the committee, for any purpose, may be called by the chair/chairpersons” to Article IV.

Committee members confirmed participants in each of the four workgroups: upcoming grant opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; access to care in Prince George's County; sickle cell trait; and transition from pediatric to adult care. Workgroups will report on meetings, progress, recommendations at each full committee meeting. Dr. Lanzkron discussed a CDC grant related to SCD surveillance.

Next meeting will be scheduled for May. The location will remain at SCDAA as it is central with plenty of parking. Call-in information will be provided for each meeting.

New issues brought up for discussion included; collaboration between and among state agencies, particularly with the Office of Minority Health; and concerns over reported issues with care in Maryland’s eastern shore region.

No public comments were received. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.