



# **Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants**

**May 1, 2024**

# Agenda

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- I. Opening Business and Remarks
- II. Program Updates
- III. Discussion
  - A. Revenue Source Development
  - B. Loan Repayment Programs in Other States
  - C. Report Development
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Open Discussion with Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

# Introductions/ Roll Call

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## I. Workgroup Members

1. Name
2. Affiliation
3. Interest in workgroup

## II. Guests

Please note your name and affiliation, as relevant, in the chat box

# Administrative Reminders

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## Meeting Recording

Posted to workgroup webpage for 2/7/2024

## Workgroup Webpage

<https://health.maryland.gov/pophealth/Pages/MLARP-Advisory-Council-for-Physicians-and-Physician-Assistants.aspx>

## Google Share Drive

Shared to members; contact

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## **Mandated Activities**

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[SB626 \(2022\), Article – Health – General §§ 24–1701 – 1708](#)

The Council Shall:

- (1) Seek permanent and diverse revenue sources to aid in the stability and further development of the Program;
- (2) Help ensure maximum use of Federal funds;
- (3) Use available data and information to help direct funding to priority areas;
- (4) Monitor similar loan programs in other states and ensure that the Program remains competitive;
- (5) Assist the Department in the administration of the Program;

## **Mandated Activities**

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The Council Shall:

(6) Help market and raise awareness of the Program through educational institutions and other appropriate entities as an incentive to health care providers to practice in underserved areas;

Administratively, the Council shall:

(1) Meet at least three times per year

(2) On or before October 1 each year, the Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the activities of the Council and recommendations on any necessary changes to the Program

# MLARP Advisory Council (Living) Work Plan

Timeframe	Presentations/ Discussion	Mandate Area
<b>Annual Cycle</b>		
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Application cycle results</li><li>- Preliminary profile of applicants/ awardees</li><li>- Cement/ approve October 1 report for submission</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Assist in the administration of MLARP</li><li>- Report to Governor &amp; Legislature</li></ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marketing preparation/plan for winter implementation</li><li>- Member marketing action steps</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Market and raise awareness of the Program</li><li>- Monitor similar loan programs</li></ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Evaluation plan review/ improvements</li><li>- Application cycle preparation</li><li>- Member action steps toward 10/1 report</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Direct funding to priority areas</li><li>- Monitor similar loan programs</li><li>- Maximize use of Federal funds</li><li>- Direct funding to priority areas</li></ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revenue source review</li><li>- Member action steps to expand revenue sources</li><li>- Preliminary recommendations for 10/1 report</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revenue sources</li><li>- Direct funding to priority areas</li></ul>

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# Program Update



## **FY 2023 Application/Award Offer Review**

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- Review of 2023 applications and award offers
- Additional information beneficial to fulfill Council mandates?
  - August preliminary application cycle data to be available
  - Impact data – patients served, cultural competency training, quality measure engagement, participant experience and retention
  - NNS data analysis – beneficial?

# FY 2024 Application Cycle

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## Technical Scoring/Award Process

1. Focus on maximizing participant numbers
2. Revised technical scoring rubric
3. Review of priority tiers

## Funds Available

1. Renewals (2<sup>nd</sup> year of service obligation)
  2. New awards
    - a. SLRP (PPA, NNSS)
    - b. State funds
      - a. \$3,000,000 MLARP PPA ( $\div 2$ )
      - b. + MLARP PPA balance ( $\div 2$ )
- = ~\$2,000,000

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# Discussion

# Revenue Source Development

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## Revenue Source Development

- i. Seek permanent and diverse revenue sources to aid in the stability and further development of the Program
- ii. Explore employer match infrastructures
- iii. Other opportunities/ areas for exploration

# Subcommittee Development

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- Monitor similar loan programs in other states and ensure that the Program remains competitive
- Subcommittee development
  - Timeframe for initial meeting
  - Lead

## 2024 General Assembly Report

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- A. Recommendations (In parking lot/ for discussion)
  - i. Elimination of: [Article - Health – General §24–1706](#):  
requires regulations establishing maximum #  
participants and minimum/maximum amount of award  
in each priority area
  - ii. Employer match infrastructure  
(exploration/development?)

### B. Report Outline

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# Next Steps

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- Meeting Schedule
  - Wednesday, August 7, 2024; 11:00 a.m.
  - **Homework:**
    - Send Winter 2023/2024 marketing efforts
    - Join “Other States” subcommittee
    - Review report draft upon availability/ provide comment
- Action Steps
  - Members: Homework from above



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# Open Discussion

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# Adjournment