



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

October 4, 2023



Agenda

- I. Opening Business and Remarks
- II. Discussion
- III. Next Steps
- IV. Open Discussion with Public Comment
- V. Adjournment



Introductions/ Roll Call

- 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

Meeting Recordings

Posted to workgroup webpage for 8/2/2023

Workgroup Webpage

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

Google Share Drive

Shared to members; contact sara.seitz@maryland.gov if unable to access



Mandated Activities

<u>SB626 (2022)</u>, <u>Article – Health – General §§ 24–1701 – 1708</u>

The Council Shall:

- (1) <u>Seek permanent and diverse revenue sources</u> 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 <u>help direct funding to priority areas</u>;
- (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

The Council Shall:

(6) Help <u>market and raise awareness</u> 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 <u>report to</u> 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 Annual Cycle	Mandate Area		
August	Application cycle resultsPreliminary profile of applicants/ awardeesCement/ approve October 1 report for submission	- Assist in the administration of MLARP - Report to Governor & Legislature		
October	- Marketing preparation/plan for winter implementation- Member marketing action steps	Market and raise awareness of the ProgramMonitor similar loan programs		
February	Evaluation plan review/ improvementsApplication cycle preparationMember action steps toward 10/1 report	 Direct funding to priority areas Monitor similar loan programs Maximize use of Federal funds Direct funding to priority areas 		
May	Revenue source reviewMember action steps to expand revenue sourcesPreliminary recommendations for 10/1 report	Revenue sourcesDirect funding to priority areas		

Program Update



2023 Application Cycle

2023 Application Cycle: SLRP, MLARP PPA, MLARP NNSS

Applications and Award Offers	All Licensures (PPA & NNSS)	PPA	% of Submitted Applications	% of PPA Applications
Apps Received	295	141	47.8%	N/A
Complete	233	126	54.1%	89.4%
Complete and Eligible	192	107	75.9%	84.9% of complete apps
Awards Offered 1 st Year Obligations	128	43	% of Award Offers: 33.6%	40.2% of complete/ eligible apps
2 nd Year Obligations	26	26	100%	N/A

PPA: Physicians and Physician Assistants NNSS: Nurses and Nursing Support Staff

MLRP Funds Balance – PPA

Resource	Description	Available for 2023 App Cycle	Obligated FY24	Obligated FY25	Remaining
SLRP (Federal	Physicians,		- 1 st years: \$259,708	- 1 st years: 2024 application cycle	\$642,693 + FY24
HRSA Award)	PAs, NPs, CNMs	\$526,628.99	- 2 nd years: \$319,227	- 2 nd years: \$319,227	allocation
	Physicians,		- 1 st years: \$1,415,439	- 1 st years: 2024 application cycle	\$-43,214 + FY24 allocation
MLARP-PPA	PAs, Final PA Year Residents	\$3,453,676	- 2 nd years: \$709,227	- 2 nd years: \$1,415,439	



Program Updates

Office of Health Care Workforce Development

- Office of Health Care Workforce Development/ Office of Population Health Improvement/ Public Health Services
- Administers Maryland Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program, Income Tax Credit for Preceptors in Areas with Health Care Workforce Shortages, and Maryland Loan Repayment Programs (MLARP and SLRP)
- Team (2.7 FTE):

Lead Consultant: Sara Seitz, Director, State Office of Rural Health Coordinator: Jamie Cardillo, Rural Health and Workforce

Health Policy Analyst: Kathy Guggino

Administrative Specialist: Shirrell Owens

Discussion



Market and Raise Awareness

Council Mandates:

- Help <u>market and raise awareness</u> of the Program through educational institutions and other appropriate entities as an incentive to health care providers to practice in underserved areas
- Help ensure maximum use of Federal funds



MLARP Stakeholder Workgroup

- MLARP Stakeholder Workgroup for Nurses and Nursing Support staff
 - Mandates include recommend on the structure of a permanent advisory council

Council recommendations regarding MLARP Advisory Council for all/specific licensure types?



Next Steps



Next Steps

- Meeting Schedule
 - Wednesday, February 7, 2024; 11:00 a.m.
 - Discussion: Evaluation plan review/ improvements
 - Application cycle preparation
 - Member action steps toward 10/1/24 report
- Action Steps
 - Marketing plan implementation
 - Begin thinking about diversification of revenue sources



Open Discussion



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Adjournment

