

Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (MLARP) for Physicians and Physician Assistants

Data Subgroup

Virtual Meeting

May 6, 2021 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Matthew Dudzic, Board of Physicians
Elizabeth Vaidya, Primary Care Office
Jane Krienke, Maryland Hospital Association
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Jennifer Witten, Maryland Hospital Association

Notes

- I. **Welcome/Introduction:** Subgroup members introduced themselves and their envisioned goals for MLARP and interest in data collection including:
 - a. Had a huge role in the funding side for MLARP since inception and pretty invested in seeing it operate. Did a lot of research during legislative session and saw a lot of interesting things that other states were doing not only on the funding side but the data side as well such as identifying the community needs and obtaining workforce data and also being able to track program outcomes.
 - b. Goal to look at workforce data more broadly and think about what we need to do to secure that future workforce.
 - c. Identifying where we have access to data now and how we use that to inform decisions and then what data we do not have access to. What else could we be doing in this space?
 - d. Data will be able to inform where the impact is. Depending on what we find can give us a story of where we could get started with not necessarily reinventing the wheel.
 - e. If you ask for funding, need data to support it, it paints the picture and will help define our needs in a workforce standpoint and define our outcomes. Are we allocating resources in the areas that have the greatest need and when we do are we getting the outcomes we expect?
 - f. Can look at national and state data and colleagues in other states to better craft the program that sits here in Maryland.
- II. **Group Brainstorm:** Subgroup discussed following surrounding data:
 - a. Subgroup Purpose
 - b. Goals for Data Collection
 - c. Two Faces of Data Collection

- i. Workforce Data-Identifying current healthcare workforce and areas of continued need
- ii. Program Data-Outcome monitoring & program accountability

III. Next Steps

- a. Plan of Action Toward Recommendations
 - i. Plan to discuss where is data available and what would we need to work through to get that date during main Workgroup meeting in July
 - ii. Potential funding for FY22 to create a database that will assist in efficiencies with the data collection and program outcomes
- b. Member Action Steps
 - i. Place on Google Drive the type of information that we currently collect for applicants and awardees
- c. Next Meeting
 - i. Will meet again in early June before next main Workgroup meeting; Members will choose date via Doodle poll sent out by Workgroup staff.