

**MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 28, 2022**

**9:00 - 9:30 AM**

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness held a public meeting on 6/28/2022, called to order at 9:02 AM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Salliann Alborn  
Mary Backley  
Mary Pat Bertacchi  
Jonathan Dayton  
Jennifer Eastman  
Roger Harrell  
Jessica Kiel  
Namisa Kramer  
Jared Meacham  
Vaple Robinson  
Teresa Titus-Howard  
Pamela Williams

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Crystal Bell  
Felicia Brannon  
Mychelle Farmer  
Gary Gerstenblith  
Katie Hall  
Darryl Heggans  
Julie Maneen  
Seth Martin  
Aruna Nathan  
Rachel Pigott  
Cameron Pollock  
Vivienne Rose  
Jason Semanoff  
Afton Thomas  
Sarah Vazer  
Kristin Watson  
Vanina Wolf  
Pamela Xenakis

**MDH STAFF PRESENT**

Kristi Pier  
Jessica Rose-Malm  
Dana Montcrief  
Alexandra Nowalk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

None

**I. Meeting Opening**

Jessica Kiel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. Ms. Kiel reviewed the meeting agenda. Kristi Pier took roll call and a quorum was not present. Members were reminded that those not in attendance would have 24 hours to submit their votes if a quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

**II. Review and Discussion of FDA Rules Prohibiting Menthol Cigarettes and Flavored Cigars and Proposed Health and Wellness Council Comment**

Dana Montcrief and Alexandra Nowalk of the MDH Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control presented information about two proposed rules by the FDA regarding prohibition of menthol cigarettes and prohibition of flavored cigars. Council members reviewed draft Letters of Information to be submitted to the FDA.

**III. Public Comment**

Ms. Kiel opened the meeting for public comments; no member of the public provided comment.

**IV. Vote on Health and Wellness Council Comments**

Roger Harrell moved to vote on the two draft letters; Jonathan Dayton seconded the motion. A majority of Council members voted to support submitting the Letters of Information to the FDA regarding prohibition of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Kiel adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

**Next Council Meeting: July 20, 2022 4:00 - 6:00 PM**