



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

February 1, 2023



Agenda

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



Minutes Approval and Updates

Acceptance of Meeting Notes

Review/vote to accept meeting notes: 12/7/2022

Workgroup Webpage

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



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 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

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	Mandate Area			
December 2022	Introductions, Workgroup review, status of Workgroup recommendations	- Establish permanent Advisory Council			
February 2023	Operations development, MLARP update	- Establish permanent Advisory Council			
Annual Cycle					
August	Application cycle resultsPreliminary profile of applicants/ awardeesCement/ approve October 1 report for submission	Maximize use of Federal fundsDirect funding to priority areasMonitor similar loan programsAssist in the administration of MLARP			
October	- Marketing preparation/plan for winter implementation- Member marketing action steps	- Market and raise awareness of the Program			
February	Evaluation plan review/ improvementsMember action steps toward 10/1 report	Direct funding to priority areasMonitor similar loan programs			
May	Revenue source reviewMember action steps to expand revenue sourcesPreliminary recommendations for 10/1 report	Revenue sourcesDirect funding to priority areasReport to Governor & Legislature			

Discussion Areas



Operations Development

Council Bylaws

Yellow highlighted text is for discussion. Bright yellow highlight are key decision points for discussion.

Council Position Nominations/Voting Process

Confirmation of Meeting Schedule

- First Wednesdays, August, October, February, May
- 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.



Program Update



Current Service Obligations

- 2022 Application Cycle
 - 79 complete and eligible applications
 - Award offers: 26 applicants
- Fiscal Year 2023 Service Obligations
 - 44 awardees
 - 27 physicians, 17 physician assistants
 - 26 first year obligations, 18 second year obligations

Obligation Year	Total Investment	Federal Funds	General/Special Funds
2nd year awards	\$652,526.00	\$132,016.50	\$520,509.50
1st year awards	\$1,028,454.59	\$319,227.29	\$709,227.29
Total	\$1,680,980.59	\$451,243.79	\$1,229,736.79

2023 Application Cycle

- March 1 April 15, 2023
- Funding
 - Incoming Fiscal Year 2023 Funds
 - HRSA/SLRP funding = \$772,160 annually for next 3 years to be utilized for physicians, PAs, NPs, and certified nurse midwives
 - Dedicated purpose, General, and BOP funds = \$4.4 million
- Possible Awards
 - #? first year obligations: Dependent on eligible/complete applications and corresponding debt assistance request and technical scoring
 - 26 second year obligations (\$1,028,454.59 needed)



Next Steps



Next Steps

- 2023 Meetings Schedule
 - Wednesday, May 3, 2023; 11:00 a.m.
 - Wednesday, August 2, 2023; 11:00 a.m.
 - Wednesday, October 4, 2023; 11:00 a.m.
- Action Steps
 - Bylaws and nomination process: Final documents
 - Consider Chair/Vice-chair role; prepare for nomination/voting process at May meeting
 - Document sharing: MDH staff exploring non-Google Drive tools; if want to share any resources in meantime, email to sara.seitz@maryland.gov
- Council Member Needs?



Open Discussion



Questions: sara.seitz@Maryland.gov

Adjournment

