

Craig P. Tanio, M.D.  
CHAIR



Ben Steffen  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

4160 PATTERSON AVENUE – BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215  
TELEPHONE: 410-764-3460 FAX: 410-358-1236

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

### Minutes

Vice Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioners present: Fleig, Metz, Moffit, O’Grady, Pollak, Sergent, Thomas, and Weinstein

### ITEM 1.

#### Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Fleig made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting of the Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and unanimously approved.

### ITEM 2.

#### Update of Activities

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, noted that a workgroup has reconvened related to self-referral and staff will be participating. He also noted that staff will reconvene the Freestanding Medical Facilities (FMF) Workgroup for a meeting to discuss additional modifications to the draft FMF State Health Plan. Mr. Steffen said that staff held a planning meeting with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and legislative leadership to begin the process of developing a workgroup on Rural Health Care Delivery. He said staff will present the membership at the June public meeting of the Commission. Mr. Steffen announced that the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange voted to move forward with the

### ITEM 3.

**PRESENTATION:** Follow-up to March Update - Hospice Services in Maryland and Implementing the State Health Plan

Linda Cole, Chief of Long Term Care Policy and Planning, provided information regarding the use of hospice services and the methodology for determining need in the Hospice Chapter of the State Health Plan. She stated that next steps involve publishing the hospice need and a CON review schedule. Ms. Cole noted that, under the methodology in the Hospice Chapter, need for hospice services is projected for Baltimore City and Prince George’s County. Commissioner O’Grady requested that further analysis of the number of deaths versus the number of hospice deaths. Chairman Tanio said that he would work with Mr. Steffen to schedule a discussion regarding the methodology.

**ITEM 4.**

**ACTION: State-Designated Health Information Exchange – Re-Designation of CRISP and Approval of Agreement**

Under Maryland law, MHCC is charged with designating a statewide Health Information Exchange. David Sharp, Director of the Center for Health Information Technology and Innovative Care Delivery, presented an overview of CRISP’s initiatives and reviewed key elements in the Maryland’s State-Designated Health Information Exchange Agreement with CRISP that is recommended by staff. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion that the Commission approve re-designation of CRISP and approve the agreement between the Commission and CRISP, which was seconded by Commissioner Weinstein and unanimously approved.

**ACTION: State-Designated Health Information Exchange – Re-Designation of CRISP and Approval of Agreement is hereby APPROVED.**

**ITEM 5.**

**PRESENTATION: Final Report on Telehealth Round One Applicants**

In October 2014, MHCC awarded three Round One Telehealth grants focusing on transitions of care between a hospital and nursing home. As noted earlier, one of those awards is serving as the foundation for a larger grant application to PCORI. Angela Evatt, Chief of Health Information Exchange, presented the results of the first round telehealth projects.

**ITEM 6.**

**OVERVIEW: Legislative Actions Affecting the Commission**

- HB 1385 “Public Health – Advance Directive – Procedures, Information Sheet, and Use of Electronic Advance Directives”
- SB 707 “Freestanding Medical Facilities – Certificate of Need, Rates, and Definition”

Chairman Tanio thanked all of the Commissioners who participated in the weekly legislative calls and noted that the Commission members’ work enabled the staff to take stronger positions on several bills. Dr. Tanio added that he was pleased that the General Assembly passed SB 707, which was the single most important piece of legislation for the Commission. Erin Dorrien, Chief of Government and Public Affairs, reviewed legislation that affects the Commission and outlined work that awaits us in the next several months.

**ITEM 7.**

**Overview of Upcoming Initiatives**

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, reported that the Commission's April agenda may include a State Health Plan Chapter Revision for Organ Transplant; a presentation on the Privately Insured Report; Approvals of Release of MCDB Data for The Lewin Group and University of Maryland School of Public Health; and an uncontested CON application.

**ITEM 8.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner O'Grady, which was seconded by Commissioner Schneider and unanimously approved.

**ITEM 9.**

**Overview of Upcoming Initiatives**

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, reported that the Commission's April agenda may include approvals of release of MCDB data for The Lewin Group and the University of Maryland School of Public Health; Presentation on the Round One finding on Telehealth; a Legislative Wrap up presentation; and an presentation with an overview of CRISP and its re-designation as the State-Designated Health Information Exchange.