

Health Equity Roundtable

Meeting Summary

March 30, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Participants

- Kenneth Buczynski, *WellSpring Family Medicine*
- Sarah Conway, *Johns Hopkins*
- Pat Czapp, *AbsoluteCare*
- Charles Gizara, *Atlantic General*
- Christian Gomes, *Frederick Health*
- Cheryl Gosaguio, *LifeBridge Health*
- Emily Gruber, *Maryland Primary Care Program Program Management Office*
- Monica Jones, *Luminis Health*
- Niharika Khanna, *University of Maryland*
- Angelica Newsome, *Luminis Health/ Sinai*
- Douglas Spotts, *Meritus Health*
- Tim Whetstine, *Atlantic General*
- Melissa Zahn, *Carroll Hospital*

Key Discussion Items

- The Health Equity Roundtable (roundtable) discussed how each practice views health equity.
- The roundtable identified challenges and opportunities for reducing health inequities:
 - Challenges include distrust of health systems, delay in seeking care due to stigma, and vaccine hesitancy
 - Opportunities include leveraging community relationships, partnering with patient-identified source(s) of truth, addressing cost barriers, funding for advanced care delivery and payer reimbursement, and ensuring diversity in the health care workforce to reflect population served
- The roundtable began preliminary discussions focused on supporting health equity improvement efforts at the practice level.