

Health Equity Roundtable

Meeting Summary

May 4, 2022 / 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Participants

- Kenneth Buczynski, *WellSpring Family Medicine*
- Sarah Conway, *Johns Hopkins*
- Pat Czapp, *AbsoluteCare*
- Charles Gizara, *Atlantic General*
- Cheryl Gosaguio, *LifeBridge Health*
- Emily Gruber, *Maryland Primary Care Program, Program Management Office*
- Niharika Khanna, *University of Maryland*
- Douglas Spotts, *Meritus Health*

Key Discussion Items

- The Health Equity Roundtable (roundtable) discussed practice efforts being implemented to address health equity, including:
 - Data collection (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender and gender identity, preferred language) to inform care delivery;
 - Social determinants of health (SDOH) screening to identify patient needs;
 - Engaging community partners to foster trust; and
 - Establishing a medical neighborhood to facilitate collaboration, reduce provider burden, and meet SDOH needs.
- Roundtable participants deliberated on challenges and opportunities to enhance practice efforts around health equity, including:
 - Challenges to integrate SDOH data into care decisions and delivery, lack of consistency in designated measures for SDOH screening, and availability of practice resources to engage with community partners
 - Opportunities for use of health information technology (e.g., electronic health records and patient portals) to collect data and generate data reports for care delivery, and leveraging the medical neighborhood (e.g., Care Transformation Organizations, care managers) to reduce care gaps