

Health Equity Roundtable

Meeting Summary

June 1, 2022 / 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Participants

- Kenneth Buczynski, *WellSpring Family Medicine*
- Sarah Conway, *Johns Hopkins*
- Pat Czapp, *AbsoluteCare*
- 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*
- Douglas Spotts, *Meritus Health*

Key Discussion Items

- Dr. Czapp reviewed key discussion items from the March and June meetings and provided a walkthrough of findhelp.org, a social care network that allows users to search for free or at a reduced cost social service resources including food, housing, and transportation
- The Health Equity Roundtable (roundtable) discussed key items for practices to consider before addressing health equity concerns, including:
 - Determining practice capacity, staff skill set, and internal or external resources
 - Defining staff role(s) in supporting patients with health equity concerns
 - Identifying how to leverage social resources across payers, hospitals, and Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
 - Establishing partnerships with organizations and agencies (e.g., hospitals and CBOs)
- Roundtable participants identified strategies for practices to identify social resources for patients, determine effectiveness of resources, identify patterns of need in their community, and engage CBOs in practices' geographical areas to facilitate referrals
- The roundtable began discussing potential health equity resources that can be developed to support practices; discussions centered on a virtual symposium for ambulatory providers that will provide support for practices' health equity efforts