

# Health Equity Roundtable

## Meeting Summary

July 13, 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

- The Maryland Health Care Commission provided a review of the meeting objectives, including providing input into the development of health equity resources for Maryland practices, and summarized discussion items from the June meeting:
  - A virtual symposium and public service announcement as potential health equity resources that can be developed to support practices
- The Health Equity Roundtable (roundtable) discussed planning activities for the symposium and suggested:
  - Collaborating with professional primary care associations (e.g., MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians) to enhance promotional efforts
  - Utilizing a panel discussion format highlighting different provider strategies to address socio-determinants of health (SDOH) with a question-and-answer session to promote audience engagement
- Roundtable participants deliberated on potential symposium topics that provide a framework for practices to begin addressing SDOH. Identified topics include:
  - Defining staffing models (e.g., care managers) that address SDOH in a practice
  - Identifying resources in the practice's medical neighborhood (e.g., local behavioral health resources, crisis lines, language services)
  - Determining organizations with established resource lists and networks (e.g., 211 Maryland)
  - Providing health systems navigation training to patients

- Supporting providers with strategies and education to facilitate patient engagement and addressing SDOH