

Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) Advisory Council

Meeting Takeaways

September 13, 2022 | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Participants

- Michael Barr, *MEDIS, LLC*
- Robert Berenson, *The Urban Institute*
- Scott Berkowitz, *Johns Hopkins*
- Kenneth Buczynski, *Wellspring Family Medicine*
- Stacia Cohen, *CareFirst*
- Will Daniel, *Health Services Cost Review Commission*
- Allan Field, *Retired Health Care Executive/Consultant*
- Howard Haft, *MDPCP Program Management Office*
- Kevin Hayes, *Consultant*
- Debora Kuchka-Craig, *MedStar*
- Peter LoPresti, *University of Maryland Medical System*
- Kathleen Loughran, *AmeriGroup*
- Nkem Okeke, *Medicalincs*
- Gene Ransom, *MedChi*
- Michael Riebman, *Maryland Primary Care Physicians*
- Scott Rose, *Sheppard Pratt Health System*
- Laura Russell, *Maryland Hospital Association (Delegate for Bob Atlas)*
- David Sharp, *Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC)*
- Ben Steffen, *MHCC*
- Steven Schuh, *Medicaid*

Key Discussion Items

- The MHCC provided an overview of the Primary Care Report and Workgroup (Workgroup):
 - MHCC is required by Senate Bill 734 (Chapter 667, 2022 laws of Maryland) to convene the Workgroup and annually report on ways to improve quality and access to primary care services, with special attention to increasing health care equity, reducing health care disparities, and avoiding increased costs to patients and the health care system
- Freedman Healthcare, LLC presented on primary care investment:
 - Information included approaches for measuring primary care investment and the experiences of other states working to increase primary care investment
- The MDPCP Program Management Office (PMO) provided an update on Track 3 changes:

- Request for Applications for program year (PY) 2023 closed in July 2023
- Track 1 practices in their third program year must transition to Track 2 or Track 3 to continue participating in the MDPCP
- Practices that participated in Track 2 (in PY2019 and PY 2020) will be required to move to Track 3 for PY 2023
- Federally Qualified Health Centers are eligible to participate in Tracks 1 and 2 in 2023; they are not eligible to transition to Track 3
- The PMO requested Advisory Council feedback on a Multi-Payer Data Sharing Platform.
- The Health Services Cost Review Commission reviewed the Total Cost of Care Model expansion and stakeholder engagement timeline and progression plan:
 - The focus areas for the stakeholder groups include cost containment and financial targets, population health and health equity, post-acute and long-term care, consumer engagement, multi-payer alignment, and physician engagement and alignment
 - The goal is to submit a final progression plan to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation by December 2023