

Maryland Primary Care Workgroup

Membership

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ORGANIZATION	NAME
Maryland General Assembly	Senate	Clarence Lam
Maryland Primary Care Program	MDPCP/MDH	Chad Perman MDPCP Program Management Office
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Maryland Insurance Administration	MIA	Karen Lam
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Maryland Community Health System	MCHS	Salliann Alborn
Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers	MACHC	Nora Hoban
Maryland Hospital Association	MHA	Laura Russell

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Accountable Care Organization	Aledade	Tyler Blanchard
Primary Care	MEDIS, LLC	Michael Barr
	Johns Hopkins Clinical Alliance	Sarah Johnson Conway
	Patient First	Theresa Noe
	University of Maryland School of Medicine	Niharika Khanna
Payor	CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield	Russell Lewis, Jr.
	Funk & Bolton P.A.	Matthew Celentano
	Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic	Tinisha Cheatham
	Amerigroup Maryland, Inc. & Maryland MCO Association	Kathleen Loughran
Health Services Researcher with Expertise in Primary Care	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	Jill Marsteller
Other Representatives	Health Care For All	Rev. William Johnson, Jr. , Community Chaplain for the Johns Hopkins Health System
	MidAtlantic Business Group on Health	John Miller
	Perdue Farms	Dawn Carey
	State of Maryland	Christina Kuminski
	Independent Consultant/ Retired Senior Health Actuary at U.S. Office of Personnel Management	Ronald Gresch

Biographies

Salliann Alborn, BSN– MCHS Representative

Ms. Alborn is the Chief Executive Officer for Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) and has over 30 years of experience advising governmental, health insurance and managed care organizations. Prior to joining MCHS, Ms. Alborn served as the Executive Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Impaired Elderly Program, and Chair of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition.

Michael Barr, MD, MBA, MACP, FRCP – Primary Care Representative

Dr. Barr is a board-certified internist and President of MEDIS, LLC, a health care consulting company. He has over 30 years of health care related experience. Previously, he served as the Executive Vice President of the Quality Measurement & Research Group at the National Committee for Quality Assurance and as Senior Vice President at the American College of Physicians. Dr. Barr also served as an MHCC Commissioner.

Jeffrey Bernstein, MD – MDAAP Representative

Dr. Bernstein is a Managing Partner at Pediatric and Adolescent Care of Silver Spring. He has over 34 years of experience practicing primary care general pediatrics. Dr. Bernstein also serves on several boards and committees including the Board of Governors for the Privia Quality Network—Mid-Atlantic and the Clinical Performance, Payer, and Finance Committees of Privia Medical Group.

Tyler Blanchard, BS – Accountable Care Organization Representative

Mr. Blanchard has led Aledade's multi-payer Accountable Care Organizations in Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia as Market President for the last eight years. He also leads Aledade's Care Transformation Organization within the Maryland Primary Care Program. Mr. Blanchard serves as a Payment and Attribution Committee Member on the Delaware Health Care Commission's Primary Care Reform Collaborative.

Dawn Carey, MBA – Consumer (Employer) Representative

Ms. Carey is the Senior Director of Health and Wellness Programs at Perdue Farms. She has over nine years of experience supporting Perdue Farms' onsite wellness centers, which provides primary care to associates and dependents. Previously, Ms. Carey served as Perdue Farms' Corporate Healthworks Manager.

Matthew Celentano – Payor Representative

Mr. Celentano has served as Government Relations Specialist with Funk & Bolton, P.A. for more than five years. He manages and advises State trade associations and works with stakeholders on legislation and matters related to the regulation of insurance in Maryland. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Celentano served for 16 years as Deputy Director of the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative.

Tinisha Cheatham, DO – Payor Representative

Dr. Cheatham is a board-certified family medicine physician with over 17 years of experience. She serves as Physician in Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group for the Baltimore

service area. In this role, Dr. Cheatham is responsible for a staff of clinicians that provide care to over 134,000 patients across the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Sarah Johnson Conway, MD – Primary Care Representative

Dr. Conway is the Chief Medical Officer of the Johns Hopkins Clinical Alliance, a clinically integrated network of physicians driving value-based care and quality efforts. She has been practicing internal medicine for nearly seven years. Previously, Dr. Conway served as the Medical Director of Care Coordination for the Johns Hopkins Care Transformation Organization.

Amar Duggirala, DO, MPH, FAAFP – MDAFP Representative

Dr. Duggirala is a board-certified family physician with 18 years of experience in primary care delivery, including two years at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He is the owner and Medical Director of Poolesville Family Practice and has extensive experience in primary care reimbursement. Dr. Duggirala also serves as an adjunct clinical instructor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Ronald Gresch, MAAA, ASA – Consumer Representative

Mr. Gresch is a consultant for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) where he focuses on improving Medicare integration and participation, long term care insurance, and the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022. He has 42 years of federal government experience. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gresch served as a Senior Health Actuary at OPM and was the primary negotiator of health insurance premiums for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

William Henderson – HSCRC Representative

Mr. Henderson is the Principal Deputy Director for Medical Economics and Data Analytics at the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC). In this role, he gathers, manages, and analyzes data for the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model and the regulatory operations of HSCRC. Mr. Henderson has over 19 years of experience in data research and analytics. Previously, he led analytics for a national specialty managed care company.

Nora Hoban – MACHC Representative

Ms. Hoban is the Chief Executive Officer of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers (MACHC) where she oversees the overall operations. She has 10 years of executive management experience and more than 25 years of policy and data analytics, project and financial management, and provider payment expertise. Prior to joining MACHC, Ms. Hoban served as Senior Vice President at the Maryland Hospital Association.

William Johnson, Jr., DDiv – Consumer Representative

Dr. Johnson is a community chaplain for the Johns Hopkins Health System. He works to improve community health outcomes by connecting faith communities to health system resources, as well as providing compassionate spiritual care to patients and community members. Dr. Johnson has held various positions within the State of Maryland for nearly 33 years.

Niharika Khanna, MBBS, MD, DGO – Primary Care Representative

Dr. Khanna is a board-certified family care physician with over 30 years of experience. She serves as a Professor of Family and Community Medicine and as the Associate Chair, Population Health Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Khanna has worked in various

aspects of practitioner and graduate education, including as Director of the Maryland Learning Collaborative.

Christina Kuminski – Consumer (Employer) Representative

Ms. Kuminski is the Director of Employee Benefits at the State of Maryland. She has over 25 years of account management experience in the insurance industry. Before joining the State, Ms. Kuminski served in various managerial and executive positions including as an Account Manager for Sedgwick and as an Account Executive for Hodge, Hart & Schleifer, Inc.

Clarence Lam, MD, MPH – Maryland General Assembly Representative

Dr. Lam is Maryland's 12th Legislative District representative for the counties of Baltimore and Howard. He is a board-certified physician in preventive medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and serves as the program director of the preventive medicine residency program. Dr. Lam is an attending physician at the occupational health clinic at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

Karen Lam, MBA – MIA Representative

Ms. Lam is Chief, Health Insurance and Managed Care, in the Life and Health Division at the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA). She has over 30 years of experience in the insurance industry. Ms. Lam oversees and manages the review of insurance form filings and contracts including providers and pharmacy benefit managers. Prior to joining MIA, Ms. Lam worked as an independent compliance consultant.

Russell Lewis, Jr, MD – Payor Representative

Dr. Lewis is the Medical Director for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and a board-certified internist with more than 20 years of experience. He was previously a clinical assistant professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Lewis also served as Associate Chief Medical Officer of Baltimore Medical System (BMS) and as Center Medical Director of BMS Highlandtown Healthy Living Center.

Kathleen Loughran – Payor Representative

Ms. Loughran is the Vice President of Government Relations for Amerigroup. She has more than 28 years of experience advising government and for-profit organizations on health care issues in commercial and Medicaid markets. Prior to joining Amerigroup, Ms. Loughran was Associate Commissioner of Policy and Government Affairs at the Maryland Insurance Administration.

Jill Marsteller, PhD, MPP – Health Services Researcher with Expertise in Primary Care Representative

Dr. Marsteller is a Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins (JH) Bloomberg School of Public Health with joint appointments in the JH School of Medicine and the Carey School of Business. Dr. Marsteller has nearly 30 years of experience in health services research with a focus on how to provide best-evidence care in a range of health care delivery settings.

John Miller – Health Care Association (Employer) Representative

Mr. Miller is the Executive Director of MidAtlantic Business Group on Health (MABGH). MABGH is an organization for business and health collaboration that helps employers design health

benefits to maximize employee health while controlling cost. Mr. Miller has more than 25 years of experience working with employer groups on health-related matters.

Theresa Noe, MBA – Primary Care Representative

Ms. Noe has been the Vice President, Strategic Innovation and Partnerships at Patient First for about eight years. She is responsible for managing executive relationships with health plans, brokers, employers, health systems, and community providers. Ms. Noe’s prior positions include serving as principal architect of HCA’s Virginia Care Partners, LLC, and Vice President of Strategic Planning at HCA Healthcare – Capital Division.

Chad Perman, MPP – MDPCP Representative

Mr. Perman is the Executive Director of the Maryland Primary Care Program Management Office (MDPCP PMO) with seven years of experience in integrating public health and primary care. He oversees Maryland’s partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, including negotiations with federal partners. Mr. Perman previously served as the Director of Health Systems Transformation within the Maryland Department of Health’s Office of Population Health Improvement.

Ishrat Rafi, MD, MPH – MDACOG Representative

Dr. Rafi is a clinical and administrative obstetrician and gynecologist with more than 20 years of experience. Her prior positions include serving in leadership positions at Saint Agnes Ascension as Surgical Director and Gynecology Director. Dr. Rafi also led the Department Chair’s Obstetrics and Gynecology practice at Saint Agnes Community Care Clinic. She was recently appointed as Saint Agnes Ascension’s Patient Safety and Quality Director.

Mette Ramanathan, CNM, FNP – Maryland Affiliate of ACNM Representative

Ms. Ramanathan is dual certified as a nurse-midwife and a family nurse practitioner. She has been working clinically as a dual practitioner for over 13 years. Ms. Ramanathan currently serves as a nurse-midwife at Saint Joseph Hospital within the University of Maryland Medical System. Before joining Saint Joseph Hospital, she held clinical positions in urgent care and school-based health clinics.

Tricia Roddy, MHSA – Medicaid Representative

Ms. Roddy is the Deputy Medicaid Director at the Maryland Department of Health and has served a 21-year tenure with the Maryland Medicaid program. She has extensive knowledge and applied experience in Medicaid operations and innovation and health service transformation. Prior to joining the Maryland Department of Health, Ms. Roddy worked in management consulting and strategy services.

Laura Russell, MPH – MHA Representative

Ms. Russell is Director of Health Care Payment at the Maryland Hospital Association with seven years of experience in public health and population health management. She has worked on key issues related to alternative payment models for care transformation efforts, including advanced primary care, and community health initiatives. Ms. Russell was previously a population health program manager at the University of Maryland Medical System.

Christie Simon-Waterman, DNP, CRNP, RN – MNA Representative

Dr. Simon-Waterman is the President of the Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) and a certified registered nurse practitioner at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She has over 26 years of experience in the health care industry and serves on multiple health care committees for the MNA and the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland. Dr. Simon-Waterman previously served as Director of Nursing at Future Care Health and Management Corporation.