



# Primary Care Workgroup Nominations

**OCTOBER 20, 2022**





# Overview

- ▶ Senate Bill 734 (Chapter 667, 2022 laws of Maryland) requires MHCC to convene a Primary Care Workgroup (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
  
- ▶ Key provisions of the law:
  - Develop a *Primary Care Analysis and Reporting Plan* (Plan) based on input from the Workgroup by December 1, 2023
  
  - Report annually to the Governor and General Assembly beginning December 1, 2024



# Scope of Workgroup Activities

- ▶ Analyze primary care spending investment in total and as a percentage of the total cost of care
- ▶ Identify strategies for reducing barriers to primary care access and utilization for individuals insured by public or private payers
- ▶ Develop plans to improve quality of and access to primary care services, reduce health care disparities, and avoid increased costs to patients and payers
- ▶ Determine approaches to increasing the primary care workforce, particularly in underserved areas



# Workgroup Representative Nominee

## **Tyler Blanchard**

Mr. Blanchard is Aledade's Market President for Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia and has been with Aledade since 2016. His work includes serving as Board Chair for more than 100 primary care practices who participate in payer specific Accountable Care Organization LLCs, helping practices maximize use of health information technology, and assisting in practice transformation. Mr. Blanchard serves as an advisor to Delaware's State Primary Care Reform Collaborative.

Before joining Aledade, he was an Executive Consultant at Cumberland Consulting Group leading technology-based transformation projects for payers and providers. Mr. Blanchard also served as a Project Management Office Analyst for BearingPoint where he provided management and technology consulting services.

# Workgroup Representative Nominee



## Ronald Gresch

Mr. Gresch is a leader in actuarial modeling, rate negotiating, and policy development and served with the Federal Government for 42 years. Mr. Gresch works part-time as a consultant for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) where he focuses on Medicare, long term care insurance, and the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022. Prior to his retirement, he served as a Senior Health Actuary at OPM and was the primary negotiator of health insurance premiums for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Mr. Gresch is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and Society of Actuaries. In 2014, the American Academy of Actuaries honored him with the *Robert J. Myers Public Service Award*. This award is presented to members who have made extraordinary contributions to public service.

# Commission Action



Staff recommends the Commission approve the nominations of Tyler Blanchard and Ronald Gresch to the Primary Care Workgroup





# Workgroup Composition

# Membership



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
Maryland General Assembly	<b>Clarence Lam, MD, MPH</b> , Senate
Health Services Cost Review Commission	<b>William Henderson</b> , HSCRC
Maryland Insurance Administration	<b>Karen Lam, MBA</b> , MIA
Health Care Financing Division of the Maryland Department of Health	<b>Tricia Roddy, MHSA</b> , Medicaid
Maryland Academy of Family Physicians	<b>Amar Duggirala, DO, MPH</b> , Poolesville Family Practice
Maryland Chapter of the Maryland Academy of Pediatrics	<b>Jeffrey Bernstein, MD</b> , Pediatric and Adolescent Care of Silver Spring
Maryland Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	<b>Ishrat Rafi, MD, MPH</b> , Ascension Saint Agnes
Maryland Nurses Association	<b>Christie Simon-Waterman, DNP</b> , The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Maryland Affiliate of American College of Nurse Midwives	<b>Mette Ramanathan, CNM, FNP</b> , University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center
Maryland Community Health System	<b>Salliann Alborn, BSN</b> , MCHS

# Membership



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers	<b>Nora Hoban, MACHC</b>
Maryland Hospital Association	<b>Laura Russell, MPH, MHA</b>
Primary Care	<b>Michael Barr, MD, MBA, MEDIS, LLC</b>
	<b>Sarah Johnson Conway, MD, Johns Hopkins Clinical Alliance</b>
	<b>Theresa Noe, MBA, Patient First</b>
	<b>Niharika Khanna, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine</b>
Payor	<b>Russell Lewis, Jr., MD, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield</b>
	<b>Matthew Celentano, Funk &amp; Bolton, P.A.</b>
	<b>Tinisha Cheatham, DO, Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic</b>
	<b>Kathleen Loughran, Amerigroup Maryland, Inc.</b>

# Membership



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBERS
Health Services Researcher with Expertise in Primary Care	<b>Jill Marsteller, PhD, MPP</b> , Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Other Representatives	<b>Rev. William Johnson, Jr., DDiv</b> , Johns Hopkins Health System
	<b>John Miller</b> , MidAtlantic Business Group on Health
	<b>Dawn Carey, MBA</b> , Perdue Farms
	<b>Christina Kuminski</b> , State of Maryland
	<b>Ronald Gresch</b> , U.S. Office of Personnel Management
	<b>Tyler Blanchard</b> , Aledade