

**Date:** October 7, 2024

**Time:** 9:54 AM EDT

**Location:** Virtual

## **Attendees**

- Marian Grant
- Ashanti Martinez
- Brian Mattingly (MDH)
- Christopher Kearney (Chair)
- Gail S. Mansell
- J. Tyson
- Jack Schwartz
- Jackie Ogg
- Jeff Zucker
- Joanne Ogaitis (MDH)
- Kimmie Upchurch
- M. Jane Markley
- Sabrina Chase (MDH)
- Sadie Peters (MDH)
- Sara Hufstader Stacy Howes (MDH)
- Steve Glazer
- Susan Lyons
- Tammy Turner
- Tiffany Erbeling (Ignited Strategies)

## **Agenda Items and Discussions**

### **1. Introductions**

Chairman Christopher Kearney introduced new members and attendees, including Senator Arthur Ellis (not present) and Sabrina Chase (Attorney General's representative on the Council). Dr. Sadie Peters was introduced as a guest and potential future member.

### **2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes from May 31st were presented by Chairman Kearney.
- Motion to approve by Kearney; seconded by Gail Mansell.
- **Approved by majority show of hands.**

### **3. Administrative Support Transition**

- The Council will transition administrative support from the Attorney General's Office to the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA), per original legislation.
- MDOA will handle meetings, public records, minutes, and communications.

#### **4. Council Membership and Appointments**

- The Council currently has 23 seats, with multiple vacancies.
- The Governor's Appointments Office is reviewing applications.
- Sabrina Chase provided updates on the appointment process.

#### **5-8. NASHP Serious Illness Institute, AHEAD Maryland, Serious Illness Coalition, and MD Prison Healthcare**

**Speaker: Marian Grant**

- **Serious Illness Coalition:** Focus on palliative care funding and Medicaid reimbursement.
- **AHEAD Maryland:** A state-based healthcare model integrating palliative care considerations.
- **MD Prison Healthcare:** The Council is monitoring the transition to a new prison healthcare vendor, with concerns over quality.
- **Legislative Engagement:** Delegate Ashanti Martinez expressed commitment to advocating for prison healthcare improvements.

#### **9. Update on MD Cancer Collaborative**

**Speakers: Dr. Sadie Peters and Brian Mattingly (MDH)**

- Updates on Maryland's cancer plan, including an expanded section on advanced care planning.
- Pilot project at Luminis Health to increase advanced directive completion.

#### **10. Maryland Advanced Directive Program**

**Speaker: Dr. Sadie Peters (MDH)**

- Revitalizing public outreach for advanced directives.
- Three focus areas:
  1. Educating healthcare professionals and public health workers.
  2. Targeting underrepresented groups (men, minorities, young people, rural residents).
  3. Promoting advanced directives through public campaigns.
- Delegate Martinez expressed interest in assisting outreach efforts.

#### **11. ER Wait Time Commission & JAMA Articles**

**Speaker: Dr. Christopher Kearney (summarizing for absent Dan Morheim)**

- Maryland ranks last in emergency room wait times.
- Discussion of JAMA studies on palliative care benefits and aid in dying.

## **12. Public Discussion**

- The Council seeks earlier engagement with the legislative process to provide timely recommendations.
- The next meeting date is yet to be determined.

## **Conclusion**

- Chairman Kearney recognized the service of departing member Sara Hufstader.
- Meeting adjourned at **11:01:53 AM**.