

State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness
Diabetes Committee
Minutes
March 10, 2021
4 - 5 PM

Members Present

Pamela Xenakis (co-chair)
Vivienne Rose (co-chair)
Mary Pat Bertacchi
Pamela Williams
Teresa Titus-Howard

Members Not Present

Julie Maneen
Sara Vazer
Jessica Kiel

Maryland Department of Health Staff Present

Sue Vaeth
Kristi Pier

Guests

Anne Langley
Sadie Peters
Lisa Ellis
Rita Kalyani

1. Review Agenda Items

The Diabetes Committee met via webinar on 3/10/21. The meeting was called to order by Pamela Xenakis at 4:02 p.m. Vivienne Rose reviewed the meeting agenda items. No changes were made.

2. Roll Call/Introductions

A quorum of the Diabetes Committee was present.

3. Approve January 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Teresa Titus-Howard made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 committee meeting minutes and Vivienne Rose seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Diabetes Committee Action Planning

Sue Vaeth summarized possible action planning items for the committee, focusing on the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control's website, diabetes and nutrition messaging, and creation of a community guide. The committee discussed these and agreed a "creative considerations" document should be completed for each item at the next meeting. The committee discussed strategies, activities, and other recommendations to consider for the Action Plan.

5. Center for Population Health Initiatives Update (CPHI)

The Center for Population Health Initiatives was invited to provide an update about their work. The Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC) project is moving along. Some LHICs are still organizing while others have made progress on their objectives. The University of Maryland Horowitz Center for Health Literacy is providing technical assistance to the LHICs to enhance their work.

The Diabetes Quality Task Force will hold its first meeting on March 31, 2021, at 5 pm. Sadie Peters requested a member of the Diabetes Committee attend the task force meetings. Committee members are invited to provide ideas to help inform and flesh out some of the policy decisions the task force will make. The structure of the task force will be determined by the members. It is anticipated there will be working subgroups that would pull in additional participants to help find resources, gather evidence, and write evidence-based recommendations.

6. Follow up items:

Committee members:

- Determine who will attend Diabetes Quality Task Force meetings
- Review and comment on the draft Diabetes Committee Action Plan before the next meeting

Staff:

- Draft the Diabetes Committee Action Plan based on discussion and send to committee members for comments

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Next Diabetes Committee meetings:

April 21, 2021, 5 – 6 pm

June 16, 2021, 4 – 5 pm