**DIABETES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

December 16, 2020

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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| **Members Present** | **Members Not Present** |
| Mary Pat Bertacchi | Rita Kalyani, MD |
| Pamela Xenakis (co-chair) | Vivienne Rose, MD (co-chair) |
| Jessica Kiel | Teresa Titus-Howard |
| Julie Maneen | Sara Vazer |
| Pamela Williams |  |
|  | **Maryland Department of Health Staff Present** |
|  | Sadie Peters, MD |
|  | Kristi Pier |
|  | Anne Langley |
|  | Lisa Ellis |
|  | Emily Tolbert |
|  | Sue Vaeth |

1. **Review Agenda Items**

The Diabetes Committee met via webinar on 12/16/2020. The meeting was called to order by Pamela Xenakis at 4:03 p.m. Pam Xenakis reviewed the meeting agenda items. There were no changes requested.

1. **Roll Call/Introductions**

A quorum of the Diabetes Committee was present.

1. **Approve September 16, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Jessica Kiel made a motion to approve the October 14, 2020 committee meeting minutes and Pam Xenakis seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **Review accomplishments and discussion of follow-up items from the October meeting** Members of the Committee sent the COVID-19 diabetes flyer to groups with whom they were affiliated such as the Maryland Food Bank, AARP, senior groups, and a hospital, and noted they were well received.

There was discussion about the lack of awareness of discounts on insulin and diabetic supplies that pharmaceutical companies offer and a decision to keep this item on agenda as a check-in for future meetings.

A report of the use of incentives during the Medicaid Diabetes Prevention Program Demonstration was distributed to the committee. Discussion included acknowledgment that different incentives worked in different circumstances. Additional comments were made about the possibility of incentivizing providers to screen and refer, how people are connected to online programs, and that new moms may be interested in online or distance learning opportunities. A member questioned how Maryland falls in providing DPP compared to other states.

1. **Center for Population Health Initiatives Update**

Dr. Peters presented information on the Clinical Quality Task Force, which is planned to be launched in early 2021. The purpose of the task force is to assess whether to use national clinical measures for diabetes or add to them to determine the standard of care in Maryland. The task force will consist of about 20 members with representation from CRISP, pediatrics, behavioral health, Medicaid, Med Chi, pharmacy association, nursing, minority health, and other disciplines. Diabetes Committee member Dr. Rita Kalyani will serve on this task force. Dr. Peters invited committee members to serve as advisors to the task force; Pam Xenakis volunteered.

1. **Identify new goals and objectives to work on to align with the Diabetes Action Plan.**

The committee discussed its Action Plan and requested the Outcomes section be updated. Discussion included prediabetes awareness and updating activities related to the action plan. It was recommended new members review diabetes action plans from other states. Pam Xenakis and Pamela Williams volunteered to make recommendations for updating the Action Plan for discussion by the committee at the next meeting. Recommendations will focus on what parts of the state’s Diabetes Action Plan the committee can support.

1. **Other**

A member asked about the Governor’s announcement regarding $94 million in diabetes funding. This funding includes $86.3 million in Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) Regional Partnership Catalyst Grants to invest in diabetes initiatives with hospitals and community health partners, a $6.6 Million pledge from CareFirst to help with socioeconomic barriers to diabetes care, and $1.1 million from Maryland’s Community Health Resource Commission (CHRC) to provide funding for local health department partnerships. All funds will further the work in the state Diabetes Action Plan.

1. **Follow up items:**

* Staff will share CDC information about states’ implementation of the National DPP
* Staff will update the committee’s Action Plan outcomes section
* Staff will set up a meeting for discussion of Action Plan updates
* Staff will update the committee’s Google Drive
* New Committee members – review other states’ diabetes action plans on the Google Drive
* Staff will send a link to the HSCRC Regional Partnership grant website

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

**Next Diabetes Committee meeting:**

**January 20, 2020, 5:00 – 6:00 pm**