

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Attendance

Program Staff

Olubukola Alonge, Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (CCDPC)

Committee Members

Dillon McManus, MDH, Maternal and Child Health

Katie Collins-Ihrke, Centers for Independent Living

Marian Vessels, self-advocate and formerly of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

Maura Rossman, MACHO Namisa Kramer, Minority Health and Health Disparities

Meg Gwaltney, Abt Associates Kirsten Robb-McGrath, MDOD

Matthew Ney, FitBound Amanda Numert

Lori Markland, MDTAP Jennifer Eastman, MDOD

Yetta Myrick, Parents Place James Whitney, MDTAP

Timothy Castano, Charles County LHD Danielle Stahl, Washington County LHD

Kristi Pier, MDH, CCDPC Christy Russell

Crystal Pope Katherine Roulston, MDH, Medicaid

Maureen Van Stone, KKI Catie Ruopp

1. Roll Call

The meeting commenced at 10:05 am with a roster call and welcome by Jennifer Eastman.

2. Discussion

Jennifer shared the vision and mission of the Maryland Disability Advisory Committee. Dillon McManus from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau at the Maryland Department of Health presented on the Babies Born Healthy Initiatives as an advisory committee member spotlight. He thanked everyone who responded to the survey which was posted on basecamp to.... 55 responses were received. He also mentioned that the Babies Born Healthy program at the Montgomery County Health Department received a NACCHO achievement award. Buki presented on the Year 5 (final grant year) quarter 1 accomplishments of the Maryland CDC funded Disability Health Inclusion Program.

There were several presentations by other advisory committee members which are outlined in this section. Yetta Myrick from the Parent's Place of Maryland updated the group about the United Health care grant received by her organization to increase family engagement. They are working with a school in Prince George's County and churches in

Baltimore City and County; the church has a disability ministry. She asked if committee members could provide them with additional contacts in the identified counties. Christy Russell suggested connecting with Keith Russell from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Yetta also talked about the child life course ambassador training available through their organization. Katie Collins-Ihrke from the Centers for Independent Living updated the group about the MTA service changes that will become effective on January 3, 2021. To learn more, please visit [here](#). She also discussed the impact of social determinants of health on access. Jennifer updated the group about the Health Matters webinar that was led by Jared Ciner from the SPIRIT club. To access the archived training, please visit [here](#). She also discussed about the plan for the post disability training survey development. Meg Gwaltney from Abt Associates had inquired for some clarification about the project and more information was shared about the need to coordinate a team from the committee who would listen to the archived webinars, develop and administer surveys to prior attendees, analyze results and determine next steps. Meg agreed to be a part of this team.

Maureen Van Stone from the Kennedy Krieger Institute shared a flier with webinar information on the importance of voting by people with disabilities in the November presidential election. Katie Collins-Ihrke also informed the group that her organization had been doing weekly livestreams on various disability related issues every Monday at 2 pm. She stated the information would be shared via basecamp.

3. Next Steps

Join one of the two workgroup meetings with call in information provided. Schedule the next committee quarterly meeting for December 2020.

4. Adjournment

The general advisory committee meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 am with members asked to join the breakout work group sessions.

Communications workgroup:

Chair – Kirsten Robb-McGrath

Members present – Lori Markland, James Whitney, Danielle Stahl and Olubukola Alonge

Notes - During the September Communications meeting we fleshed out the mission and goals of the communication workgroup and discussed the format and content of the October newsletter. We decided that we would try to have a theme for newsletters going forward. October's newsletter was focused on virtual learning for students with disabilities.

Training workgroup:

Chair: Jennifer Eastman

Members present –

Notes -

Next Meeting: December 14, 2020 1:00 pm – 2: 30 pm (workgroup break session included)