

Maryland Commission on LGBTQ Affairs
Health Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022, 6-7:30pm
Zoom

Present:

Nicholas Augustine
Lee Blinder
Mickey Dhir
Jeremy Browning, Administrative Director

Members not present:

Sarcia Adkins
Anthony Fox
Margo Quinlan

Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order by the Administrative Director, Jeremy Browning at 6:04pm. II. Acknowledgement of meeting housekeeping and meeting guidelines. III. Brief introductions around the room and attendees asked to share what issues are folks bringing personally and professionally to the Health Committee.

IV. Chair and Vice Chair selections deferred until a future meeting.

V. Committee Description discussion notes:

- A. Advocacy and community engagement
- B. Address provider issues
- C. Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQIA+ community
- D. Establishing best practices
- E. Engagement with Maryland Health Department

VI. Policy Priorities

- A. Policy priorities from policy committee reviewed
- B. Improve access to gender affirming care
- C. Administrative changes
- D. Improve access to HIV prevention methods
- E. Look at birth control access - how did they achieve widespread coverage?
- F. Remove insurance barriers - is there a policy that would put the power of decision in the hands of providers and patients

VII. Community Engagement

- A. Outreach - how are we hearing from LGBTQIA+ Marylanders that have not been well represented at the state
- B. Listening sessions - county by county and identity, start in most

underrepresented communities

C. What capacity do we have? Limited capacity of volunteer commission and lack of state resources. Fundraising opportunities to support.

VIII. Next steps

A. Monthly meetings in the evening

B. Send Doodle Poll to establish next meeting in early December

IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jeremy Browning, Administrative Director