



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Health & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023, 7-8:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Committee members present:

Mickey Dhir, Committee Chair
Lee Blinder
Anthony Fox
Jeremy Browning, Director

Committee members absent:

Nicolas Augustine

Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Dhir at 7:02pm.
- II. Roll call completed.
- III. Acknowledgement of Meeting Guidelines.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 9.28.2023. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Blinder. Motion carried with all in favor.
- V. Old Business:
 - A. PrEP Access: Senator Lam is not planning to reintroduce the bill. Commissioner Dhir connected with the Black Caucus and they would like to be involved and have not in the past. Commissioner Dhir shared a draft PrEP Access and Coverage Policy document and reviewed it with the committee. There was a discussion regarding data collection and issues to accurately account for transgender and nonbinary people. Additionally, there was discussion on the legislative process and the importance of working with groups already focused on HIV policy. Find groups and individuals by looking at who provided testimony on past bills to understand what organizations and groups are involved and the nuances. A bill file with all testimony can be requested.
 - B. Access to Mental Health: Commissioner Blinder shared the policy document from the Policy Committee to add additional items.
 - C. Trans youth without supportive adults: Addressed within the policy document.

- D. Recommendations and best practices: There was a discussion and items added to the policy document.
- VI. New Business.
 - A. Senator Lam Meeting scheduled for November 16th at 1pm. Senator Lam is not reintroducing the PrEP Access bill ([SB64 from 2023](#)) so the meeting will be canceled.
- VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Dhir adjourned the 8:25pm..

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by: Jeremy Browning, Director.