



## **Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Health & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2024, 7:00-8:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

### Attendees:

Mickey Dhir, Committee Chair  
Tina Jones  
Paula Neira  
Exofficio: Chair Lee Blinder  
Staff: Jeremy Browning, Director

### Committee members absent:

Vice Chair, Anthony Fox  
Stephen Martin

- I. Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Dhir at 7:03pm.
- II. Roll call completed by Committee Chair Dhir.
- III. Committee Chair Dhir read Housekeeping and Meeting Guidelines.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Neira. Motion carried with all in favor.
- V. Approval of Minutes from 11.6.2023. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Neira. Motion carried with all in favor.
- VI. Discussion of 2024 Legislative Session Health & Wellness related bills: Director Browning provided an overview of related bills. A discussion ensued regarding testimony and the potential to provide educational sessions to committees before bill hearings to combat misinformation. It was noted that there should be a legislative strategy all year long.
- VII. Discussion - Funding Needs: The committee discussed potential funding needs which include:
  - A. Education around gender-affirming care
  - B. Outreach to share factual information
  - C. Share HIV prevention resources
  - D. Establish a network of services through health departments

- E. Noted that some regions don't have local funding for PrEP
  - F. SOGISC trainings led by community members with lived experience
  - G. General training and education on LGBTQIA+ cultural humility, health and wellness topics
- VIII. Discussion - Recommendation for more training for healthcare professionals: The committee discussed the need for additional training for all healthcare providers. Opportunities could be through licensure renewal requirements, but it was noted that accreditation boards won't add unless it is mandated.
- IX. Adjournment: Commissioner Dhir adjourned the 8:06pm.

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by: Jeremy Browning, Director.