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**eDiabetes Advisory Council (DAC)
Quarterly Meeting Summary Notes
Date: March 26, 2024**

Participants (note if participants had called in)

DAC Members –

(Quorum is Met)

- Joseph Chebli
- Melvin Price
- Donald Grossman
- Nancy Murphy
- Marlon Honeywell

Applicants

- Gregg Laskoski
- Jennifer Wascovich
- Lamont Allen
- Lucille Beseler
- Mica Lill
- Lynn Howard

Guests

- Jennifer Roberts
- Tara Hylton
- Carmen Fabre Pedrero
- Edward Clark
- Sarah Grant
- Liezl Dobbins
- Amanda Dibley
- Owen Quinonez
- Rodrigue Pierre
- Adam Fundora
- Stella Nemuseso
- Michele Connors
- Paul Thein

DAC Members Absent

Excused

- Larry Fox
- Bridget Jennings

Unexcused*

* Any DAC members who tried unsuccessfully to participate by phone should email Sarah Grant (Sarah.Grant@flhealth.gov) so their absence can be marked as excused.

Welcome:

Thank you all for joining our March 26th meeting.

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Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention Updates:

Jennifer Roberts has transitioned to a new role at the Department of Health. Sarah Grant will be the new DOH point of contact, along with Dr. Clark and Bureau Chief Tara Hylton.

State Health Improvement Plan – Chronic Disease Priority Area Workgroup

PAW Meetings take place every other Thursday from 1-2pm ET. Tara will inform the DAC of the next PAW meeting that will focus on the Diabetes Priority Areas (tentatively planned for June).

Diabetes Roundtable

- Proposed by Gregg Laskoski to as a way to convene key decision-makers in the legislature, as well as influential entities that serve people with diabetes, to discuss select policies and awareness campaigns. Gregg has contacted approximately 12 organizations to invite their participation. Of note is Gregg's Hypoglycemic Risk Awareness Campaign. The first roundtable meeting will tentatively be held virtually at the end of April.

DAC Member Appointment Updates

- Year-to-date there are a total of 15 applicants awaiting review from the State Surgeon General and Governor.
- Tara reiterated the point that the DAC is an independent board from the Department of Health. A request has been made to allow the DAC Chair to send appointment recommendations to the State Surgeon General and the Governor for review instead of going through the Department of Health.
- DAC Voting will be conducted once the membership application review process has been completed.

Update on Dr. Chebli's meeting with the State Surgeon General

- Meeting took place virtually on February 7th
 - o Dr. Chebli said that he shared the DAC's recommendations from the legislative report. He said that Dr. Ladapo showed interest in the recommendations, while emphasizing his focus on prevention efforts.
 - o **Action Item:** Dr. Chebli recommended that the DAC connect with Senate and House Representative to champion the DAC's recommendations.

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- Tara shared the importance of having better methods of collecting data to accurately demonstrate the statewide diabetes burden and cost.

DAC Legislative Report:

- Must be submitted to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President of the Senate on or before January 10, 2025.
- The current report is very lengthy with many paragraphs. It is recommended that the pages are reduced to a maximum of 17 pages and more infographics and maps are added with information instead of paragraphs. Using hyperlinks and key tables would help reduce the report. Other suggestions included leading with the recommendations and being deliberate about tying the narrative back to the recommendations.
- **Action Item:** Review Stroke Registry and Cancer Reports for examples on more concise reports and data.
- DAC members and meeting attendees were given the opportunity to volunteer to work on a particular section of the legislative report. DAC will break up into groups to work on the report. Group members can exchange contact information to facilitate collaboration.
 - **Action Item:** Please contact Dr. Chebli or Sarah Grant to volunteer for a section, if not already stated.
- The Division of State Group Insurance, Agency for Health Care Administration, and Department of Health Epidemiology and Evaluation team will be invited to data meetings to discuss relevant sections of the legislative report.
 - **Action Item:** Provide data requests to Sarah Grant by April 23rd, 2024, so that the requests can be forwarded to the respective data teams.
- A question was posed whether we have data on the impact of previous recommendations made in the legislative report. Jennifer Roberts shared that the report has been used to demonstrate disease burden and the importance of departmental initiatives. It was suggested that the DAC initiate a plan to track impact.
- It was also suggested that the DAC reexamine the recommendations to determine how they could be restructured to facilitate uptake by decision-makers. For example, Medical Quality Assurance has to be involved in mandating diabetes-related continuing education for medical providers, so consider a related initiative, such as a DAC Speaker's Bureau, where members present pressing topics and recommendations at medical conferences or submit content for online platforms. It was also shared that recommendations should address key perspectives, such as clinical, legislative, and empowerment of persons with diabetes. The DAC should seek to engage persons with diabetes in initiatives.

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Public Comment:

- Help a Diabetic Child shared an initiative to work with pharmacies and medical distributors to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors for qualifying persons with Type 1 Diabetes. The flyers will be sent out.

Future Scheduled Meetings:

Dates were proposed, and meeting attendees agreed upon the following dates:

Q2: May 21, 2024, from 2-4 p.m.: Diabetes Advisory Council Meeting

Q3: August 20, 2024, from 2-4 p.m.: Diabetes Advisory Council Meeting

Q4: October 22, 2024, from 2-4 p.m.: Diabetes Advisory Council Meeting

Calendar invites will be forthcoming. Additional data meetings will be scheduled so that workgroups can work on the legislative report.

Wrap-up and adjourn

This conference call meeting was recorded. By staying on the conference call line, all participants agreed to be recorded.