



Consumer Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

ATTENDEES

Members

Name	Organization	Virtual
Chris Peterson (Chair)	Health Policy Alternatives; former HSCRC	X
Gavin Taylor	US Naval Academy; Data Scientist; Research	
Dan Martin, JD	MHA MD	X
Robyn Elliott (Vice Chair)	Public Policy Partners	X
Sephora Morrison, MD	Pediatric ED Clinician/CRISP User; former CNMC	X
Linda Fischetti	Mitre; Consumer Advocate; former CHIO and Peds nurse	X

Staff/Guests

Via Teleconference: Nichole Sweeney, Megan Priolo, Sherol Wiltshire, Kelley Gallagher

Agenda

Welcome

Chair Chris Peterson welcomed Consumer Advisory Council (“CAC”) members and staff to the meeting. Before delving into the agenda, Mr. Peterson especially welcomed Robyn Elliott as newly elected Vice Chair, and participants offered warm congratulations.

Mr. Peterson then provided an overview of the agenda which included both administrative topics, discussions regarding MHCC Regulations and impacts to the CAC and its work, Open Meetings Act requirements, and Council membership for benefit of all participants, among other topics. Actions, takeaways, and key discussion points are noted below.

Administrative

- **Prior Meeting Minutes.** Prior Minutes were distributed to the Council as part of the meeting materials. Ms. Gallagher noted that Minutes from the January 14th and April 8th meetings via email for review, edit requests, and approval. Once approved, all Minutes will be posted to the CAC website.

MHCC Proposed Regulations Discussion

Next, Nichole Sweeney led a discussion on draft HIE regulations proposed by MHCC and downstream impacts to the CAC and HIE activities, details of which were provided in the meeting materials. Key takeaways and discussion points are noted below.



Open Meetings Act

- There is no precedent for a private organization such as CRISP being subjected to OMA requirements. Private stakeholders have expressed some concern.
- There is likely a number threshold that triggers the OMA requirements statewide, as all Commissions, etc., regularly convene planning meetings among leadership that are not subject to public review. CRISP will follow up with MHCC for guidance on this point specifically as well as general OMA compliance.

Council Membership Discussion

- Three of the six CAC members are no longer able to participate under OMA requirements and have formally resigned from the Council.
 - Current CAC Chair, Mr. Peterson, is among the departing members. Vice Chair Robyn Elliott will serve as Acting Chair until officer elections are held.
- With three members remaining, and two appointees anticipated from MHCC, the CAC falls one member short of meeting the minimum statutory threshold of six Council members. Staff will hold an open call for membership in the months ahead to source new members.
- Should OMA requirements change in the future, departing members expressed interest in rejoining the Council as its work is meaningful and important.

CAC Priorities Discussion

Next, Ms. Sweeney, Megan Priolo, and CAC members jointly discussed current areas of focus for CRISP as well as key priorities for the Council once it reconstitutes with new membership, the details of which were provided in the meeting materials. Key takeaways and discussion points are noted below.

- Work to build and support the Maryland AHEAD Model is progressing as planned. CRISP and state agency partners will adjust to accommodate any changes in federal funding.
- Members reiterated their strong recommendation that CRISP and trusted partners develop a multi-faceted Consumer education strategy that both meaningfully reaches and informs a broad range of consumers and emphasizes consumer's rights with regards to their personal health data. The strategy could include testimonials of how HIE has improved patient care and how data is being safeguarded and protected, among other points. Information could be produced as short videos or documents posted to the CRISP website and made accessible via QR code in numerous patient care locations to ensure broad access.

Closing

Having concluded the formal agenda, participants praised departing Council members for their respective contributions to the work of the CAC, including professional expertise and personal consumer and caregiver perspectives shared during their tenure. Staff and remaining Council members look forward to reconvening once the group has been reconstituted. With no further discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.