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**Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC)
Quarterly Meeting Summary Notes
Date: August 20, 2024**

Participants (note if participants had called in)

DAC Members –

(Quorum is met)

- Joseph Chebli
- Bridget Jennings
- Nancy Murphy
- Marlon Honeywell
- Donald Grossman

Applicants

- Jennifer Waskovich
- Lamont Allen
- Lucille Beseler
- Lynn Howard
- Francesco Vendrame
- Mica Lill

Guests

- Sarah Grant
- Tara Hylton
- Towana Reddick
- Carmen Fabre Pedrero

- Liezl Dobbins
- Amanda Dibley
- Stella Nemuseso
- Michele Connors
- Paul Thein
- Sara Lerner

- Errick Farmer
- Veronica Delagarza
- Carolina Gutierrez

DAC Members Absent

Excused

- Larry Fox

Unexcused*

- Melvin Price

* 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:

Dr. Chebli called the meeting to order at 2pm.

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Announcements from DOH Bureau Chief, Tara Hylton:

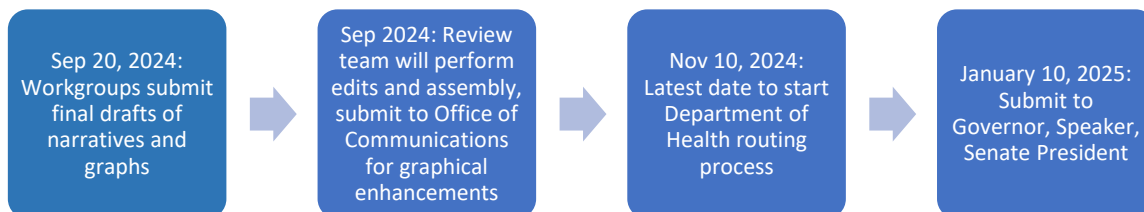
- DAC Member Appointments:
 - o To-date there are a total of 15 applicants awaiting review from the State Surgeon General and Governor. Tara stated that she has not received any updates and that member appointments cannot be approved by DOH, but rather, the Governor’s Office, per F.S.
- Tara continues to advocate for a change in the process so that the Legislative Report does not have to route through DOH.
- Diabetes education focus area is being added to the Healthy Communities of Florida grant deliverables to be implemented by county health departments.

Recommendation for Statewide A1c Reporting

- Tara relayed a discussion from the Chronic Disease Prevention Priority Area Workgroup of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to make diabetes a notifiable condition so that labs would automatically report A1c values to the Department of Health. This initiative would not include adolescents under 18 years old. We can use NY State as a model. The plan is to leverage existing services and data teams to fulfill this initiative.
- Lab report could have a standard resource section about National DPP or DSMES delivery organizations and other resources. Ordering providers would also need to be trained on best practice for referring to resources, based on eligibility.
- Consideration: how to differentiate person with diabetes whose A1c is in ideal range vs. person with prediabetes?
- **Action Item:** Sarah will send out tool to collect feedback on pros/cons and considerations.

DAC Legislative Report:

- *Thank you to all who have contributed, including DAC members, guests, and member applicants who have contributed to the Legislative Report even while awaiting appointment.*
- Must be submitted to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President on or before January 10, 2025.
- Updated timeline:



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- Feedback (Note **Action Items**):
 - o **Add more graphs and visuals** in between narrative sections.
 - o **Add testimonials** of Florida residents (or their health care professionals) who have benefitted from efforts or an appeal from someone who experienced worse health outcomes due to lack of access; an insured PWD and uninsured PWD. Jennifer Waskovich will inquire with community partners. (Section I)
 - o In addition to Medicaid/AHCA and DSGI data, **include data** on health care costs for **uninsured** (graph). We may be able to get these data from Health Information Exchange that compiles information from clinics, FQHCs; Florida Association of Free & Charitable Clinics.
 - o Think: What questions does this report answer? This allows DAC to include key words for Search Engine Optimization.
 - o Dr. Chebli suggested **more details** about medication types and the role of surgery in weight management.
 - o **Add more about future burden** (children and adolescents with diabetes)

Workgroup Reports (Note Action Items):

- **Scope of Diabetes (II)** – They found that Florida is doing better than some other states and would like that to be visualized. They would like to **add narrative or graph** comparing Florida prevalence to national rates; they found that data for youth with diabetes is limited.
- **Addressing Diabetes (III):** **Mica Lill will submit summary** of the Florida American Diabetes Association’s recent efforts; **add Blue Circle Health; add DOH content**, including SHIP Goal Area 4.
- **Recommendations (IV)** – **add A1c reporting; list other health care professionals**, such as physical therapist and assistant, occupational therapist and assistant, doulas

Other Discussion:

- School Health team requested a template for a process map, as well as information on resources, to help school nurses better care for students with diabetes, particularly those that struggle to access medications and supplies.
- The Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention is planning a workshop (**Working with Real Knowledge to Sustain Healthy Opportunities for Prevention**) in November. Tara requested volunteers to speak (Bridget Jennings, Stella Nemuseso, Lucille Beseler). There will calls to action for both hypertension and diabetes, as well as roundtable discussions from county health departments and partners. More details are forthcoming.

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Public Comment:

- Sara Lerner promoted Blue Circle Health, a public charity that provides free support to adults living with T1D.

Future Scheduled Meetings:

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

Wrap-up and Adjourn

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