

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH



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A) COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH - ESTABLISHMENT

CHARGE

Make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the state

Bill Effective

June 1, 2023

Bill Terminates

June 30, 2025

ASSESS

Assess the foundational public health capabilities of the MDH and LHDs, as specified

RECOMMEND

Based on this assessment, the commission must make recommendations for reform in specified areas

A1) COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH - ASSESSMENT

Assess the foundational public health capabilities of the MDH and LHDs, as specified:

The Commission:

1. **Must** explain the impact of the foundational public health capabilities on the State's ability to:
 - i) Address foundational public health areas, including as the foundational public health areas relate to behavioral health, **and**
 - ii) Respond to COVID-19, overdoses, maternal and infant mortality, and other major public health challenges, as appropriate.
2. **Must** provide public outreach to hold a minimum of **3** public meetings in different areas of the state that include an opportunity for public comment.
3. **May** request:
 - i) De-identified and publicly available data from MDH, LHDs, and the state-designated health data utility, **and**
 - ii) Interviews with state and local health officials

A2) COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH - RECOMMENDATIONS

The commission **must** make recommendations for reform in the following areas:

- Organization of MDH and LHDs
- IT, information exchange, and data and analytics
- Workforce, including human resources and use of the Medical Reserve Corps for public health
- Procurement, including contractor oversight
- Funding
- Communication and public engagement, **and**
- Any other area the commission considers appropriate

Recommendations **must** include the funding or legislation required to implement the recommendation, if any.

The commission **must** justify how each recommendation contributes to the provision of foundational public health services and make a draft of its recommendations available for public comment for 30 days

The commission **must** use best efforts to reach consensus on its recommendations.

B) TIMELINE FOR REPORTING

	TASK	DEADLINE
1.	Submit an interim report on findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly	December 1, 2023
2.	Submit final report	December 1, 2024

C) FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

**FOUNDATIONAL
PUBLIC HEALTH
SERVICES “SPECIFIED
AREAS”**

FOUNDATIONAL AREAS

**FOUNDATIONAL
CAPABILITIES**

- COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL
- CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION
- ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH
- MATERNAL, CHILD, & FAMILY HEALTH
- ACCESS TO AND LINKAGE WITH CLINICAL CARE

- ASSESSMENT AND SURVEILLANCE
- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- EQUITY
- ORGANIZATIONAL COMPETENCIES
- POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT
- ACCOUNTABILITY & PERFORMANCE MNGT
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
- COMMUNICATIONS

D) COMMISSIONERS

- One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate -
Ariana B. Kelly
- One member of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House -
Heather A. Bagnall
- The Deputy Secretary for Public Health (or designee) - Nilesh
Kalyanaraman
- The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health (or designee) - Alyssa S. Lord
- The Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (or
designee) - Camille Blake-Fall, and
- Specified members appointed by the Governor

E) COMMISSIONERS - GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES

- Local Health Officer- Rural - Meena Brewster
- Local Health Officer- Suburban - Maura Rossman
- Local Health Officer- Urban - Gregory Wm Branch
- State Academic Institution w/ Exp. Public Health Systems - Boris D Lushniak
- State Academic Institution w/ Exp. Public Health Systems - Michelle Spencer
- Faculty - HBCU - Oluwatosin Helen Olateju
- Public w/ Exp. Health Equity - Jean Drummond
- Public w/ Exp. Information Technology - Christopher Brandt
- Public w/ Exp. Workforce - Allen Twigg
- Public w/ Exp. Population Health - Frances Phillips
- Public - Nicole Rochester

F) CO-CHAIRS: PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Meena Brewster

Boris D Lushniak

**Oluwatosin
Olateju**





G) WORKGROUPS

- Funding
- Governance and Organizational Capabilities
- Workforce
- Data and IT
- Communication and Public Engagement

Each workgroup must include two members of the commission and members of the public with relevant experience in the subject matter of the workgroup, as specified.





H) SUBJECT MATTER OF WORKGROUP

- Primary and Specialty Care Practitioners
- Payors
- Consumer Advocates
- Hospital Executives
- Safety Net Health Care Providers
- Public Health Practitioners
- Faith-based Organizations

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I) CONSULTS

In performing the duties of the commission, the commission shall consult with, as appropriate and necessary:

- The Maryland Health Care Commission
- The Health Care Services Cost Review Commission
- The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
- The Department of Budget and Management
- The Department of General Services
- The Maryland Department of Disabilities
- The State-Designated Health Data Utility
- Any other state agency as appropriate

J) COMPENSATION

- None for commission members
- Commissioners are entitled to reimbursements for expenses under the standard state regulations per state budget

K) QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU!