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**MedChi Legislative Council
Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. Instructions for Signing Up and Giving Testimony
- b. First Aid Room/Physician of the Day – Update

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 429](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Title: Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 581](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 486](#)

Sponsor: Delegate D.E. Davis

Title: Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters and Appropriations

Position: Hold

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 124](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Valderrama

Title: Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 470](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 522](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 551](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 393](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 534](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Acevero

Title: Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 29](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ivey

Title: Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Substance Use Disorder

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 132](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 41](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 537](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 398](#)

Sponsor: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Title: Mental Health Law – Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Procedures

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 577](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Stewart

Title: Health and Welfare of H–2 Visa and Migrant Workers – COVID–19 Pandemic – Regulations (Healthy Farmworkers Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 598](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 469](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kelly

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Applied Behavior Analysis Services – Reimbursement

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 164](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 605](#)

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Veterans - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health First Aid

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 322](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: Health – Health and Wellness Standards – Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 378](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Baltimore City - Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Laws Authorization

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 410](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kramer

Title: Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 161](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 379](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kelly

Title: Health Occupations – Registration of Audiology Assistants

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 453](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate D. Barnes

Title: Health - Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 540](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 139](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Morgan

Title: Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 552](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 389](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Hornberger

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)

Bill: [HB 565](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 514](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 603](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Explanation of Benefits Statements

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [SB 423](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Salling

Title: Public Health - Federal and State Funding for Abortions - Prohibition and Exceptions

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 425](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance