



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Health & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Mickey Dhir, Committee Chair  
Anthony Fox, Vice Chair  
Paula Neira

Members Absent:

Stephen Martin  
Ex Officio: Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning - Director, Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs  
Taylor Harer - Special Assistant, Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs

- I. Meeting called to order by Committee Chair at 7:12pm.
- II. Committee Chair Dhir acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Dhir.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda and it was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of Minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session - Director Browning presented the 2026 Preliminary Legislative Policy Priorities document and offered a brief overview of relevant bills. He invited Committee members to identify any additional bills that should be monitored and shared other updates to keep members informed about ongoing developments related to the Legislative Session.
- VII. Discussion: MDH Meeting Topics - The Committee discussed the Birth Certificate Modernization Act (BCMA) and HIV prevention access issues, including:

- A. Challenges with PrEP access to different forms (should include all four forms)
- B. Discriminatory practices by some health plans
- C. Lack of provider education
- D. Need for improve partnerships

VIII. Adjournment: 7:53pm

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant