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MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE BOARD NOMINATES WECKESSER AS LIAISON TO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BALTIMORE, MD – The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange appointed Board member Dana Weckesser as its liaison to the Standing Advisory Committee at its meeting on July 20.

Ms. Weckesser, who was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to serve on the Board in December 2017, is founder and CEO of Global Health Partnerships Consulting in Baltimore. She has 30 years professional multicultural experience including global health, external relations, fundraising and grant-making for nonprofit health and business sectors.

“Dana’s contributions to the Board make her an excellent choice to align the Standing Advisory Committee’s recommendations with the Board’s objectives,” said Michele Eberle, executive director of Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. “Her insight and commitment to the agency’s mission to provide accessible, affordable health coverage to all Marylanders has been invaluable, and I look forward to working with her in this expanded role.”

The Standing Advisory Committee was established by the 2011 legislation that created the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. It serves a consultative role and functions as an advisory group to the MHBE’s Board of Trustees. The SAC member’s primary role is to serve as an advisory expert in his or her capacity relative to the health insurance and health care domain.

“I am honored to accept this opportunity to communicate with both the members of the Standing Advisory Committee and the Board to continue the collaborative relationship we have established,” said Dana Weckesser. “I am excited to become more involved in our efforts to provide access to health coverage for Marylanders.”

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Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the state government. It was established in 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) and is responsible for the administration of Maryland Health Connection.

Maryland Health Connection: One of every six Marylanders receive their health coverage through Maryland Health Connection (MHC), the state-based health insurance marketplace. Residents can compare and enroll in health insurance as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid or financial help with private plans.