

2024 Standing Advisory Committee Member Appointments

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Overview of the SAC Application and Recruitment Procedure

- Application posted December 5th, 2023 - January 25th, 2024.
- The application and member recruitment process was consistent with MHBE SAC Policy and Procedure.
- MHBE staff identified goals for recruiting new members to maintain the Committee's reflection of the diversity of the state and add expertise to the the Committee.

Region	MD Population (%)	Current	New	SAC Members (%)
Far Western	4%	1	-	4%
Mid Western	12%	1	1	8%
Capital North	17%	2		8%
Capital South	15%	2	-	8%
Central	34%	8	4	48%
Southern	6%		1	4%
Upper Eastern Shore	9%	-		0%
Lower Eastern Shore	3%	2	-	8%
N/A			3	12%
Total	100%	16	9	100%

Regional makeup of current SAC members and the nine applicants being presented to the Board

New Applicants

- Nine individuals applied to the Standing Advisory Committee for 2024.
 - Applicants include a health care provider, advocate, broker, navigator, and insurers (including new representatives from Aetna and Delta Dental).
- The Board Liaison and SAC Chair recommend that the Board appoint all 9 applicants to the SAC.
- MHBE is working to recruit an additional applicant from the Capital North or South regions (Montgomery and PG Counties), to present to the Board at the April Board meeting.
- The 2024 cohort of applications are skewed towards insurer representatives, due to the fact that:
 - The SAC terms for representatives from all three 2023 carriers (CareFirst, United, and KP) ended in 2023.
 - MHBE invited Aetna to join, as they newly entered the individual market for 2024.
 - MHBE invited representatives from the two dental carriers, Delta and Dominion to join. Dental carriers were not previously participating.

New Applicants

First Name	Last Name	County	Region	Employer / Affiliation	Specialty
Yvette	Oquendo-Beruz	Howard	Central	Retired family physician; Former Carefirst BCBS MD Medical Director	Health care provider
Andrew	Baum	Frederick	Western	Andrew M. Baum CLU ChFC	Broker
Mark	Romaninsky	Cecil	Upper Eastern Shore/Southern	Seedco	Navigator
Stephanie	Klapper	Balt. City	Central	Health Care For All	Advocacy
Zach	Peters	Anne Arundel	Central	Aetna	Health plan issuer
James	Mullen	N/A	N/A	Delta Dental	Health plan issuer
Patricia	Swanson	Balt. City	Central	CareFirst	Health plan issuer
Brooke	Souders	N/A	N/A	United Healthcare	Health plan issuer
Allison	Mangiaracino	N/A	N/A	Kaiser Permanente	Health plan issuer

Request for Appointment of New Members to the SAC

MOTION: I move to [approve/defer/reject] the appointment of the applicants to the 2024 Standing Advisory Committee [as presented] or [as amended].