

2025 Standing Advisory Committee Member Appointments

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Overview of the SAC Application and Recruitment Procedure

- Application posted December 16th, 2024 - January 31st, 2025.
- 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 Committee.

Region	MD Population (%)	Current	New	SAC Members (%)
Far Western	5%	1	-	4.0%
Mid Western	13%	2	-	8.0%
Capital North	19%	1	2	12.0%
Capital South	17%	-	2	8.0%
Central	38%	8	3	44.0%
Southern	7%	1	-	4.0%
Upper Eastern Shore	10%	-	1	0.0%
Lower Eastern Shore	3%	-	1	4.0%
N/A		3	1	16.0%
Total	100%	16	10	

Regional makeup of current SAC members and the ten applicants being recommended to the Board

New Applicants

- **Eleven** individuals applied to the Standing Advisory Committee for 2025.
 - Applicants include representatives from community organizations, health care providers, public health researchers, brokers, navigators, and insurers (new representatives CareFirst, UnitedHealthcare, and Wellpoint who entered the individual market in 2025).
- The Board Liaison and SAC Chair recommend that the Board appoint **ten** applicants to the SAC.

New Applicants

First Name	Last Name	County	Region	Employer / Affiliation	Specialty
*Kiya	Lofland	Worcester	Lower Eastern Shore	Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program	Navigator
*Leidi	Garcia	Montgomery	Capitol North	CASA Inc.	Community Organization/ Non-Profit
*Maya	Griefer	N/A	N/A	UnitedHealthcare	Health Plan Issuer
*Nate	Apathy	Prince George's	Capitol South	University of Maryland School of Public Health	Public Health Research/Academic
Shlomo	Rosenstein	Howard	Central	Niv Advisor	Broker
*Jake	Whitaker	Howard	Central	Maryland Hospital Association	Health Care Provider
*Kimberly	Robinson	Baltimore County	Central	CareFirst	Health Plan Issuer
*Toni	Thompson-Chittams	Prince George's	Capitol South	TLC Pediatrics	Health Care Provider
*Elizabeth	Arend Dutta	Montgomery	Capitol North	George Washington University School of Public Health	Public Health Research/Academic
*Brandy	Guy	Talbot	Upper Eastern Shore	Avery Hall Insurance	Broker
*Kathleen	Loughrain	Anne Arundel	Central	Wellpoint	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 2025 Standing Advisory Committee [as presented] or [as amended].