Meeting Notes – Governor's Workgroup for SBSLI

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025
Time: 5:30–6:30 PM
Meeting Start: 5:07 PM
Meeting End: 5:48 PM

Attendance Updates

GODHH managed the Zoom platform and assisted with renaming attendees, adding "Workgroup Member" next to applicable names.

In Attendance

Lead

- **Laura Gyamfi**, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Hannah Dier**, Deputy Legislative Officer

Workgroup Members

- Juliana Apfel, SBSLI
- Leslie Puzio, SBSLI
- Tina Joyner, MDAD
- Megan George
- Tiasha Bera
- William "Bill" Millos

- Jake Whitaker, MHA
- Pamela Ortiz, Judiciary
- Mary Pat Fannon, PSSAM
- Sam Mathias, MABE
- Jason Conrad
- Dave Coyne
- Caitlin Comstock
- Betty Colonomos

Advisory Members

- Senator Nancy King (Patty Horton attended on behalf of Senator King)
- Delegate Heather Bagnall
- Ethan Sonnestrahl, AAG
- Usherla DeBerry, ODHH

Additional Attendee

- Jennifer Katz, Deputy Legal Counsel, Governor's Office

Approximately 40 visitors were present as observers.

Meeting Summary

Hannah opened the meeting by thanking everyone for the significant effort and work that has gone into the licensure process so far. The initial focus was on establishing clear meeting logistics to ensure smooth and efficient discussions.

Meeting Procedures

- Use the *raise hand* function if you wish to speak.
- Wait to be called on before speaking or signing.
- Once called on, allow a moment for spotlighting before beginning.
- After speaking, turn video and audio off to streamline participation.
- Participation during meetings is limited to Workgroup Members.
- Viewers may send comments *after* meetings via email to any workgroup leader or member.
- Because the workgroup has a significant amount of work and limited time, meetings will be highly structured and efficiently paced.

Submission of Proposals

Workgroup members are encouraged to send:

- Proposals
- Ideas
- Comments related to the topic of each meeting

These should be submitted each Friday before the corresponding Monday meeting. Monday, Dec. 8, 2025 proposal due on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025 by 5pm to Hannah Dier (hannah.dier@maryland.gov), Laura Gyamfi (laura.gyamfi@maryland.gov)and Usherla DeBerry (usherla.deberry@maryland.gov).

Next Meeting

Date: *Tentative* Monday, December 15, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM

Expectation:
Workgroup Members and interpreters should arrive **5 minutes before** the scheduled start time.

Agenda for December 15, 2025

1. **Consumer Choice**
    - Preference

- In-person vs. remote
- Emergencies

2. **Licensure Requirements**
    - Licensure for in-person vs. remote
    - Application of other licensure credentials
    - Waiver
    - Use of provisional license

Workgroup members are welcome to reach out to leadership offline with additional questions or input.