



## North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	6/17/22	<b>Time:</b>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
<b>Minutes Prepared by:</b>	Kristie Hicks	<b>Location:</b>	Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar
<b>Attendance at Meeting:</b>	<p><b>DAC Members &amp; Liaisons Present:</b> Laura Edwards, Chris Memering, Gideon Adams, Travis Battle, Battle Betts, Leonor Corsino, Vandana Devalapalli, Melanie Mabrey, Carey O'Reilly, Ciara Ruske, Joyce Swetlick, Lynette Tolson Somers, Susan Spratt, Natasha Vos, Larry Wu, Caroline Young</p>		
<p><b>Invited Guests and Staff Present:</b> Lily Anderson, Travis Battle, Kat Combs, Sherry Capps, Jesse Clow, Sonya Dunn, Deanie, Eldridge, Marie Frazzitta, L'Tanya Gilchrist, Claudia Giraldo, Amy Johnson, Shawn Latta, Lauren McKnight, Sharon Nelson, Corissa Payton, Sharon Pearce, William Pertet, Tish Singletary, Cindy Stevenson, Tonya Tatem, De'Vette Thomas, Monica Tucker, Ijeoma Uwakwe, April Vaughn</p>			

### Meeting Highlights

#### Topics and Points of Discussion

**1. Welcome and Approval of February 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Chris Memering, North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council (NC DAC) Co-Chair, welcomed all participants and called for approval of the February 18, 2022 meeting minutes.

A summary of the meeting presentations has been posted at <https://www.diabetesnc.com/diabetes-advisory-council/>

**2. Addressing Health Equity for North Carolinians**

- Dr. Debrah Farrington Debra C. Farrington, NC DHHS Deputy Secretary/ Chief Health Equity Officer is a native North Carolinian reared and educated in rural Columbus County. She is a licensed clinical social worker with over 30 years of experience in community-based services for children and adults with behavioral health needs. As the newly appointed Deputy Secretary/Chief Health Equity Officer, Debra will focus on addressing health disparities and the health needs of North Carolina's most vulnerable citizens.

**3. 2022 ADA Standards of Care**

- Joanne Rinker has been a Registered Dietitian and certified diabetes care and education specialist for over 20 years. Highlights of her career include working with the Laura Edwards and the state on



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the implementation and facilitation of the North Carolina Diabetes Education Recognition Program, which was the largest American Diabetes Association (ADA) accredited site in the nation at the time.

- Joanne was named the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists 2013 Diabetes Educator of the Year and used that opportunity to spread the word about the relationship between diabetes, hearing loss and depression. She served on the ADCES Board of Directors 2015-2017 and became an ADCES Spokesperson in January of 2016.

#### 4. Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) Update

- Corissa Payton, DSMES Quality Coordinator at the North Carolina Division of Public Health presented the statewide DSMES update.
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- For more information about DSMES programs or DiabetesSmart, contact Corissa Payton, [Corissa.patyon@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Corissa.patyon@dhhs.nc.gov) and visit [diabetesmanagementnc.com](http://diabetesmanagementnc.com).

#### 5. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Update

- Kristie Hicks, Diabetes Prevention Program Coordinator at the North Carolina Division of Public Health, presented the statewide DPP Update
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- The DPP Navigator referral service is a part of the DiabetesFreeNC initiative. DPP referral information and toolkits for health care providers are available at <https://www.diabetesfreenc.com/resources/for-health-professionals/>
- For more information about DPP or the DPP Navigator Referral Service, contact Kristie Hicks, [Kristie.hicks@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kristie.hicks@dhhs.nc.gov) and visit [diabetesfreenc.com](http://diabetesfreenc.com).

#### 6. Announcements

- The annual DAC Awards Nomination and Scholarship Application is open Now – July 31st. Please share this announcement with your network. You may forward the email that Kristie sent out about this at the beginning of the month or you may email her if you'd like a flyer and/or specific language to share with those who may be interested.
- The DAC Co-Chair position held by Laura Edwards will be available at the end of 2022 and nominations are now open. The process to nominate includes: Send an email to Kristie Hicks. Self-nominations are allowed but if you are nominating another individual, please ask for permission first. We want to ensure that those who are nominated are willing to commit to the responsibilities of co-chair.
  - o Please send nominations by July 31. The leadership team will review in August and develop the slate for voting. Voting is allowed through September and new co-chair will be announced at October meeting.
- Area L AHEC Diabetes Prevention and Management Guide Presentation Recording will be added to the DAC webpage today. Kristie sent an email about this a couple of weeks ago. If you would like this email announcement to share with your colleagues, please send Kristie an email.



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- If you attended this meeting or reviewed the meeting highlights and would like to be added to the DAC listserv as a stakeholder, please email Kristie Hicks at [kristie.hicks@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:kristie.hicks@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Next Meeting: Friday, October 28, 2022  
9:30am – 12:30pm EST**

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