



Marlene Puthiyath – Director, Government Affairs

Marlene Sneha Puthiyath (née Kalayilparampil) is Pyxis Partners' Director of Government Affairs who comes with a vast background and knowledge around healthcare policy, advocacy, and political strategies.

Prior to joining Pyxis Partners, Marlene was the Manager of Government Relations at the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ), the State's largest physician membership organization, where she analyzed a broad range of policies and legislation relevant to physicians, patients and the overall practice of medicine while serving as the lead lobbyist for all physicians within the State.

Marlene previously served as MSNJ's Project Director for OneHealth NJ, a physician-led, health information exchange (HIE), and the NJ Healthcare Executive Leadership Academy, a grant-funded program by the Physician's Foundation, and a joint initiative developed by MSNJ, NJ Association of Health Plans & NJ Hospital Association, since joining MSNJ in 2016. The experiences she gained throughout her years at MSNJ made her a recognized leader among stakeholders within the State.

Prior to joining MSNJ, Marlene was selected for an Administrative Fellowship at RWJBarnabas Health where she focused on Policy Development, Government and Corporate Affairs under the mentorship of their Executive Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer. Her main projects were to analyze the NJ bill regarding out-of-network/surprise billing and the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

In 2014, Marlene was also selected for a competitive internship with Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, where she worked on advocacy and legislative issues with a focus on Women's Health in Washington, D.C and U.S. Consumer Marketing for Women's Health at their headquarters in Whippany, NJ. She coordinated and launched World Contraception Day (WCD) for the U.S., a signature program of the company that 72 other countries participate in annually. Due to the success of the launch, she was subsequently asked to be Bayer's first U.S. Ambassador for WCD in 2016 where she was given a seed grant to implement a project focused on the ACA Contraceptive Mandate, bringing awareness to college students by educating them about their contraceptive options. She partnered with the National Women's Law Center (NWLC) to bring the most current and accurate educational information to light. She was then asked to present to world leaders and reproductive health advocates at the Women Deliver Conference in 2015 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

She currently serves on Seton Hall University's MHA Alumni Board and formerly served on the Board of Directors for the Kerala Sanitation Initiative-USA (KSI-USA), a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization established to promote public health and sanitation through construction activities and healthcare services to underserved schools and communities in Kerala, India. She holds a Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) from the School of Health & Medical Sciences at Seton Hall University and a Bachelor's of Science in Public Health from William Paterson University. She is a Fellow of the NJ Healthcare Executive Leadership Academy and earned a Certificate in Advanced Health Care Leadership from Seton Hall University in 2020.

Being a newlywed, Marlene enjoys spending time with her husband, Sanel, and exploring new places and eateries together. They both are involved with their church and giving back to the community. Marlene was born and raised in Oklahoma, moved to New Jersey where her academics and career took flight, and now resides in Washington, D.C.