

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2024

Minutes

AGENDA ITEM 1

Call the Meeting to Order

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Van Mitchell, Gerard Anderson, Ph.D., Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, Ph.D., Joseph Levy, Ph.D.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Approval of minutes

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the November 27, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Anderson made the motion with a spelling correction, which Dr. Levy seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Action: Minutes APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Opportunity for Public Comment

Christina Shaklee stated that three written comments were received, provided to the Board and posted to the website. Two people provided oral comments:

- Rosalyn Berkowitz, Vice President of the Baltimore County Commission for Women, retired forensic nurse examiner, and Co-Chair of the Maryland Domestic Violence Fatality Review State Implementation Team- Agenda Item Six, Cost Review Study Process
- Michael Guadalupe, AiArthritis- Agenda Item Six, Cost Review Study Process

AGENDA ITEM 4

Approval of Board Reports- Supply Chain Report (Health-General Art. § 21-2C-07)

Executive Director York stated the draft of the Supply Chain Report was published on December 10, 2023. Comments were initially due January 5th, 2024, but extended to January 10, 2024. No comments were received. Apart from the addition of the Executive Summary, no substantive changes were made to the report.

Chair Mitchell entertained a motion to approve the supply chain report, subject to corrections for scrivener's and typographical errors. Gerard Anderson made the motion which Joseph Levy

seconded. Chair Mitchell proceeded to entertain discussion on the motion and the supply chain report.

Chair Mitchell then proceeded with the vote. With no opposition, the Board unanimously approved the Supply Chain Report (Health-General Art. § 21-2C-07).

Action: Supply Chain Report (Health-General Art. § 21-2C-07) APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Approval of Amendments to Procurement Policy

Assistant Attorney General McDonald provided a brief overview of proposed amendments to the PDAB Procurement Policy. The presentation is posted on the Board's website as well as the redlined proposed amendments.

Chair Mitchell requested a motion to approve the amendments to the PDAB Procurement Policy. Gerard Anderson made the motion which Eberechukwu Onukwugha seconded. Chair Mitchell then proceeded with the vote. With no opposition, the Board unanimously approved the Amendments to the Procurement Policy.

Action: Amendments to Procurement Policy APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Cost Review (Timeline and Next Steps)

Executive Director York outlined the upcoming steps and timeline for the Cost Review Study Process focusing on the identification and selection of drugs for cost review. Dr. York emphasized opportunities for public comment and engagement during the cost review study process. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation and process. This presentation is posted on the Board's website.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Administrative Update

- a. Christina Shaklee gave an overview of the 2024 Legislative Session. PDAB staff provided updates to the Senate Finance Committee on 1/23/24 and House Health and Government Operations on 1/25/25. PDAB staff are tracking approximately 20 bills related to health care and prescription drug affordability. Staff will provide a legislative tracker to Board members of potentially relevant bills throughout the session. Ms. Shaklee flagged HB340/SB388 -Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act).

b. Prescription Drug Affordability Fund

Executive Director York provided an update on the FY24 Fee Assessment. The Board has collected about \$870,000 for FY24 to date thus far.

Other Updates

Executive Director York advised that the Board is working to publish a draft of the Upper Payment Limit Action Plan as soon as possible.

Chair Mitchell asked if staff had an update on the PDAB website. Dr. York stated that staff has been working with DoIT to move the PDAB website over to the standard Maryland website template.

Chair Mitchell also asked for an update on the analytical contracts. At this time PDAB staff did not have any updates.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Chair's Update

- Chair Mitchell stated that the March 25, 2025 meeting will remain virtual at 2:00PM due to room constraints in Annapolis. The May meeting will be live in person with asynchronous capabilities.
- Chair Mitchell asked if there was an update on the reverse auction. Dr. York will summarize information that he has regarding this topic.
- Christina Shaklee stated the next PDASC meeting will be on February 26, 2024 at 2:00PM. The PDASC will remain virtual in 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Adjournment

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerard Anderson made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joseph Levy.

Adjourned at 3:32 PM.