

# **PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD MEETING**

**November 25, 2024**

## **Minutes**

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., Stephen Rockower, MD

### **AGENDA ITEM 2**

#### **Approval of minutes**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Gerard Anderson made the motion, which Dr. Stephen Rockower seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**Action: Minutes APPROVED.**

### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

#### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

One written comment was received which was provided to the Board and posted to the website. No persons registered for oral public comment.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4**

#### **Draft Regulations**

- a. Presentation- - Amend COMAR 14.01.01.01 (definitions); add COMAR 14.01.01.06 (hearing procedures); add COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits)**

Executive Director York presented on each of the draft regulations; Amend COMAR 14.01.01.01 (definitions); add COMAR 14.01.01.06 (hearing procedures); add COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits). Dr. York addressed specific comments and themes that were received at the November 4, 2024 PDASC meeting and the written comments submitted to the PDAB in regards to the draft regulations. He also addressed updates made to the previous draft shared on the website on October 28, 2024. Dr. York provided great detail about the regulations and how the policy review process would work. Once approved, these regulations will go through the full APA regulations process.

The Board participated throughout the presentation and provided feedback, comments, and asked thoughtful questions. The presentation and draft regulations are posted on the Board page of the PDAB website.

**b. Approve Draft Regulations**

Chair Mitchell requested a motion to approve the following proposed draft regulations, as submitted:

- Amend COMAR 14.01.01.01 (definitions);
- Add COMAR 14.01.01.06 (hearing procedures);
- Add COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits)

Dr. Stephen Rockower made the motion which Dr. Gerard Anderson seconded. The motion proceeded to a vote. With no opposition, the Board unanimously approved the proposed regulations.

**ACTION: Draft Regulations: Amend COMAR 14.01.01.01 (definitions), Add COMAR 14.01.01.06 (hearing procedures), Add COMAR 14.01.05 (Policy Review, Final Action, Upper Payment Limits)- APPROVED**

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Annual Report**

**a. Presentation**

Dr. York presented the elements of the PDAB annual report as required by Md. Code Ann., Health-General § 21-2C-09(c). This presentation and the draft of the annual report are posted on the Board page of the PDAB website.

**b. Vote- Approve Annual Report**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the annual report. Dr. Stephen Rockower made the motion and Dr. Gerard Anderson, seconded. With no opposition, the Board unanimously approved the annual report. One PDAB member had left the meeting prior to this vote, leaving four members present to vote.

**ACTION: Annual Report- APPROVED**

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Cost Review Study Process**

**a. Data Discussion**

- i. Farxiga**
- ii. Jardiance**

Dr. York gave a brief verbal update on the Cost Review Study Process. Dr. York explained that the PDAB has received data on certain drugs for the Cost Review Study process and provided a verbal update on Farxiga and Jardiance.

**b. Update and Next Steps**

Board Members provided brief comments on the Cost Review Study Process.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**Administrative Update**

- The PDAB is looking forward to continued work on the Cost Review Study Process.
- Delegate Cullison provided thoughtful comments and appreciation to the PDAB on the complex work that is currently being done.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**Chair's Update**

- Chair Mitchell allowed Board Members to provide additional feedback.
- Chair Mitchell provided a thank you to MHBE for their services they provide to the PDAB, as well as MHCC.
- The January and March PDAB meetings will be held virtually due to the legislative session.

**AGENDA ITEM 9**

**Adjournment**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gerard Anderson made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Stephen Rockower.

**Adjourned** at 3:43 p.m.