

**MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Monday, February 26, 2024  
Minutes**

**Agenda Item 1**

**Call to Order:**

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

**(Roll Call) Stakeholder Council Members Present:** Shawn Brown, Angela Bryant, Steven Chen, Lorraine Diana, John Elliott, Sherita Hill-Golden, Jim Gutman, Deron Johnson, Barry Lipsy, Marc Nicole, Shaun O'Brien, Hayley Park, Mandi Poplawski, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Schneider, Kelly Schulz, Sean Tunis, Joseph Winn, Thea Williams

**Agenda Item 2**

**December 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Jim Gutman made the motion, which Deron Johnson seconded, and the Stakeholder Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**Action: Minutes APPROVED**

**Agenda Item 3**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No persons registered for an opportunity to provide public comment. No written comments were received.

**Agenda Item 4**

**PDAB Patient Drug Submission Form Overview**

Christina Shaklee, Health Policy Analyst Advanced, gave an overview of the Patient Drug Submission Form. This presentation is posted on the Stakeholder Council page of the Board's website. This form has two purposes: (1) it allows Marylanders to notify the PDAB if they are having trouble affording their drugs; and (2) it allows the PDAB staff to see if they can help patients access their drugs through existing services and programs. PDAB staff envision two versions of this form to be posted on the PDAB website, a short form and a longer form to obtain patient affordability information. Ms. Shaklee provided an in depth overview of the longer form and fielded questions from the Stakeholder Council.

## **Agenda Item 5**

### **Cost Review Process Update**

Executive Director Andrew York provided an update on the Cost Review Study Process specifically addressing therapeutic alternatives. Mr. York identified the definition of therapeutic alternatives and described how therapeutic alternatives are identified and posted, and provided an example of a therapeutic alternative. He also explained that the public is invited to comment on the preliminarily identified therapeutic alternatives. Mr. York solicited questions and feedback from the PDASC regarding this presentation. The presentation is posted on the Stakeholder Council page of the Board's website.

## **Agenda Item 6**

### **Administrative Update**

Ms. Shaklee provided the following administrative update:

- PDAB staff are continuing to work with the appointing officers to fill vacant positions. There are currently two vacant positions on the Stakeholder Council.
- PDAB is currently tracking almost 40 bills not including crossfiles. The Board took no position on HB340/SB388- Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act).

## **Agenda Item 7**

### **Co-Chair's Update**

Co-Chair Diana provided the following update:

- Ms. Diana advised the PDASC that the April meeting could be a longer meeting so please prepare for extra time.
- Starting with the June 2024 meeting the PDASC will post meeting recordings to the website.
- The next PDASC meeting will be on April 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Meetings will remain virtual/remote in 2024.

Co-Chair Nicole entertained two questions from PDASC members concerning the recording and posting of meetings. There was also a question that flagged the delineation between cost to patients and cost to the system in regards to the Cost Review Study Process. PDAB staff have made note of these specific questions.

## **Agenda Item 8**

### **Adjournment**

Co-Chair Nicole thanked everyone for their attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deron Johnson made the motion which was seconded by Barry Lipsy.

**Adjourned 3:07 PM.**