

# **MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING**

**April 28, 2025**

## **Minutes**

### **Agenda Item 1**

#### **Call to Order:**

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

#### **(Roll Call) Stakeholder Council Members Present:**

Shawn Brown, Angela Bryant, Lorraine Diana, Candace Hall, Sherita Golden, Jim Gutman, Barry Lipsy, Eric Morse, Shaun O'Brien, Hayley Park, Mandi Poplawski, Amy Prentice, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Schneider, Danita Tolson, Sean Tunis

### **Agenda Item 2**

#### **December 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Diana deferred Approval of the Minutes to later in the meeting to satisfy the quorum requirement.

### **Agenda Item 3**

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

- The PDASC received no written comments.
- Having registered to provide oral comment in advance of the meeting, Derek Flowers, Value of Care Coalition addressed the Stakeholder Council on Agenda Item 4: Administrative Update (Legislation)

### **Agenda Item 4**

#### **Administrative Update**

- The next Board meeting will take place on May 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be virtual.
- Health Policy Analyst, Christina Shaklee provided a legislative update specifically around HB424/SB357- Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority and Stakeholder Council Membership (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act) which passed this legislative session. This bill will add three new members to the PDASC: one representative from the rare disease community, one representative of oncologists, and one representative of a patient advocacy organization.
- Staff has made all appointing offices aware of appointments that have expired and vacancies.
- Three new members to the PDASC were introduced:

1. Speaker's appointment: Dr. Danita Tolson (Statewide Organization for Diverse Communities)
2. Governor's appointment: Candace Hall (Pharmacologists)
3. Governor's appointment: Amy Prentice (Brand Name Drug Corporations)

### **Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes (Deferred)**

Co-Chair Diana exercised her prerogative to consider Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes out of order since a quorum had now been established. Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. Shaun O'Brien made the motion, which Jim Gutman seconded. The PDASC approved the minutes unanimously.

**Action: Minutes APPROVED**

### **Agenda Item 5**

#### **Learning Series and Discussion Presentation: Drug Pricing and Supply Chain Overview Benjamin Link, PharmD, 3 Axis Advisors**

Executive Director York introduced Dr. Benjamin Link, from 3 Axis Advisors. The presentation given by Dr. Link will cover Drug Pricing and the Supply chain. This learning series presentation is meant to highlight key information that will be helpful to the Stakeholder Council, the Board, and the public on some of the issues the Board will work through as part of their work.

Dr. Link gave a robust presentation on the following topics: an overview of the drug supply chain and where prescription drug pricing benchmarks fit within the supply chain, an overview of the use of drug pricing benchmarks in drug channel contracts, and examples of drug pricing in use. The Stakeholder Council had the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions. This presentation is posted on the Stakeholder Council page of the website.

### **Agenda Item 6**

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

- Co-Chair Diana stated that the next PDASC meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 2:00PM.

### **Agenda Item 7**

#### **Adjournment**

Co-Chair Diana thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Gutman made the motion which was seconded by Barry Lipsy.

**Adjourned at 4:48 PM.**