

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

June 23, 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:

Pallavi Arora, Angela Bryant, Shawn Brown, Allison Ciborowski, Lorraine Diana, John Elliott, Candace Hall, Jim Gutman, Barry Lipsy, Kathleen Loughran, Eric Morse, Marc Nicole, Shaun O'Brien, Mandi Poplawski, Amy Prentice, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Schneider, Kelly Schultz, Danita Tolson, Joe Winn

Agenda Item 2

April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Shaun O'Brien made the motion, which Jim Gutman seconded. The PDASC unanimously approved the minutes.

Action: Minutes APPROVED

Agenda Item 3

Opportunity for Public Comment

The PDASC received one written comment which was shared with the PDASC and posted to the website. There were no requests for oral public comment.

Agenda Item 4

Learning Series and Discussion

a. Federal Government Drug Pricing Update- Matthew Martin, MA and Benjamin N. Rome, MD, MPH, Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law (PORTAL)

Executive Director York introduced the PORTAL team and the purpose of the presentation. Matthew Martin and Dr. Benjamin Rome from the Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law (PORTAL) at Harvard gave a robust presentation on current federal policy around drug pricing. The following topics were covered in this presentation: Most-Favored-Nation Pricing, PBM Reform, Medicaid Drug Reimbursement, Medicare Drug Price Negotiation, Other Medicare & Medicaid Policies, 340B Drug Discount Program, and FDA Actions.

The PDASC had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss. This presentation is posted on the PDASC page on the website.

b. Biotech and Life Sciences Update in Maryland- Kelly Schulz, CEO, Maryland Tech Council

Kelly Schulz, CEO of the Maryland Tech Council and PDASC member, gave an update on the Biotech and Life Sciences sector in Maryland. This presentation included challenges this sector is facing and opportunities. The PDASC had the opportunity to ask questions and provide discussion. This presentation is posted on the PDASC page on the website.

Agenda Item 5

Administrative Update

- Introduction of two new PDASC members:
 - Pallavi Aurora, Maryland Hospital Association, appointed to represent Hospitals
 - Kathleen Loughran, Wellpoint-Elevance Health, appointed to represent Managed Care Organizations
- Executive Director York gave an update on the cost review study process. Comments are due on the draft Dossiers for Farxiga and Jardiance on July 3, 2025.
- The next PDAB meeting will be on July 28, 2025.

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Co-Chair's Update

- Co-Chair Nicole stated that the next PDASC meeting will be on August 25, 2025.

Agenda Item 7

Adjournment

Co-Chair Nicole thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shaun O'Brien made the motion which was seconded by Lorraine Diana.

Adjourned at 3:47 PM.