

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 28, 2022**  
**Minutes**

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Board Members present:** Van Mitchell, Joseph Levy, PhD, Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, PhD, Gerard Anderson, PhD, and Renee Bovelleville, MD.

**AGENDA ITEM 1.**

**Approval of minutes**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the January 24, 2021, minutes as submitted. Dr. Anderson moved, Dr. Onukwugha seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**Action: Minutes APPROVED.**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.**

**Stakeholder Presentations and Discussion on 340B Drug Pricing and Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

Presentations given by:

Heather Cascone, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

Greg Doggett and Caroline Steinberg, 340B Health

Ted Okon, Community Oncology Alliance

Each presentation (Powerpoint/slide deck) is available to the public at the Board's website.<sup>1</sup>

**AGENDA ITEM 3.**

**Proposed Policies and Procedures for Procurement**

Assistant Attorney General Michele McDonald provided an overview of the proposed policies and procedures for procurement noting two typographical corrections: correcting the date to the date of adoption and substituting "subt. 4" for "subt. 3" in Section I.B.

**Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adopt and approve the proposed policies and procedures for procurement as corrected. Dr. Anderson moved; Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously to approve and adopt the procurement policies.**

**Action: Policies and Procedures for Procurement ADOPTED and APPROVED.**

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<sup>1</sup> The following link redirects to the 2022 Board Meetings page - [https://pdab.maryland.gov/2022\\_board\\_meeting.html](https://pdab.maryland.gov/2022_board_meeting.html). The presentations may be found in the March 28, 2022 section of the page.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.**

##### **Analytics Update – Methodology for Legislative Metrics**

Morgan Henderson and Morgane Mouslim, the Hilltop Institute, provided an overview of a methodology developed to analyze the legislative metrics set forth in Health-General Article § 21-2C-08 for identifying prescription drug products that create affordability challenges. Under this methodology, the analytics team studies claims data, calculates utilization rates specific to a given NDC, and links the NDC-specific utilization calculation to unit WAC pricing.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 5.**

##### **FY 2022 Prescription Drug Affordability Fund Fee Assessment**

Executive Director Andrew York provided an overview of the inaugural fee assessment process, including the number of checks received, waivers/exemptions filed, and the number of entities that failed to respond to the assessment. Mr. York noted certain challenges in processing and collecting the outstanding assessments. An April board meeting may be necessary to adopt non-emergency regulations governing the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6.**

##### **Administrative Updates**

###### *PDAB Staffing Update*

Mr. York advised that a contractual economist, Zeid El-Kilani, had joined the staff and that an administrative specialist would be join the office in April.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7.**

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

No person or group reached out to Board staff to register for an opportunity to provide public comment.

##### **No Action Needed**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8.**

##### **Chair's Update**

The Chair thanked the presenters, the public, and Board for its time. The Chair also asked that the Board hold April 19, 2022, as a possible meeting time for the additional meeting mentioned by Mr. York.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Anderson made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Onukwugha and unanimously approved.

**Adjourned** at 3:52 p.m.