

**Prescription Drug Affordability Board Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
Minutes**

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Board Members present:** Van Mitchell, Joseph Levy, PhD, Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, Ph.D., Gerard Anderson, Ph.D., ABSENT Renee Bovelle, MD

**Agenda Item 1**

**Approval of minutes**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes as submitted. Dr. Anderson moved, Dr. Levy seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance unanimously approved the minutes

**Action: Minutes APPROVED.**

**Agenda Item 2**

**Vote on Proposed Regulations**

Assistant Attorney General Michele McDonald explained that emergency regulations COMAR 14.01.02, adopted by the Board in November 2021 expire at the beginning of May 2022. Assistant Attorney General Michele McDonald noted that COMAR 14.01.02 must be formally adopted to remain in effect, noting two technical revisions to the regulations: the word “invoice” was removed from the Title and Subsection A and substituted by “fee assessment”. This was done to give clarity to entities subject to the assessments. Dr. Anderson inquired if COMAR 14.01.02 would have to be adjusted every time there is a revision to the fee amount or for the entities subject to the fee assessment process. Assistant Attorney General Michele McDonald confirmed that any changes in the fee assessment amount or a new fee assessment mechanism would require regulatory changes; the definition of entities that are subject to assessment are determined by statute and cannot be changed by regulations.

**Motion to Adopt the Proposed Regulations COMAR 14.01.02– Prescription Drug Affordability Fund**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion of approval of COMAR 14.01.02– Prescription Drug Affordability Fund. Dr. Anderson made this motion, and Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair moved for a roll call vote. The Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of adopting the proposed regulations for COMAR 14.01.02– Prescription Drug Affordability Fund.

**Action: Proposed Regulations COMAR 14.01.02– Prescription Drug Affordability Fund APPROVED.**

### **Agenda Item 3**

#### **Administrative Update**

Executive Director Andrew York introduced Administrative Specialist Sydne Robinson to the Board members and announced Manager, Policy and Special Projects Kris Vallecillo will be resigning effective April, 29, 2022.

### **Agenda Item 4**

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

No registrants for an opportunity to provide public comment.

#### **No Action Needed**

### **Agenda Item 5**

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

Chair Mitchell noted the next date for the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 2PM ET, and the Prescription Drug Affordability Board meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 2PM ET. Chair Mitchell noted that we will try to transition to in-person meetings as soon as possible.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Anderson made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Levy.

**Adjourned** at 2:13 P.M