

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, January 24, 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, PhD, Gerard Anderson, PhD, and Renee Bovelleville, MD.

AGENDA ITEM 1.

Approval of minutes

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion that the November 22, 2021, minutes be approved as submitted. Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Levy, and unanimously approved.

Action: Minutes APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 3.

Proposed MD Prescription Drug Affordability Board Bylaws - Approval

Assistant Attorney General Michele McDonald provided an overview of the draft bylaws for the Board's consideration.

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to vote on whether to approve the proposed Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board Bylaws. Dr. Anderson made the motion; Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the proposed MD Prescription Drug Affordability Board Bylaws.

Action: MD Prescription Drug Affordability Board Bylaws APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 4.¹

Amended University Agreement - Hilltop Institute

Executive Director Andrew York presented for the Board's approval the proposed second modification of the analytics contract with the Hilltop Institute. This modification changes the scope of work to include a newly available data source—the Maryland Medical Care Database ("MCBD")— and increases the contract value by \$24,960, bringing the total contract to \$156,717.

¹ The modifications to both University Agreements were presented and outlined in full by Mr. York, and then followed by consecutive, separate motions and votes for each contract. The minutes accurately represent the presentation, discussion, and votes, but are reorganized to reflect the published agenda.

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the Second Modification to the University Agreement with the Hilltop Institute. Dr. Anderson made the motion; Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Second Modification to the University Agreement with the Hilltop Institute.

Action: Second Modification to the University Agreement with the Hilltop Institute APPROVED.

Amended University Agreement – UMB School of Pharmacy

Executive Director York provided an overview of the proposed second modification of the clinical support contract with the UMB School of Pharmacy. The second modification changes to the scope of work to include a newly available data sources (MCDB), increases the contract value by \$20,184, bringing the total contract to \$70,131, and extends the term from February 15, 2022 until June 30, 2022.

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the Second Modification to the University Agreement with the UMB School of Pharmacy. Dr. Anderson made the motion; Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Second Modification to the University Agreement with the UMB School of Pharmacy.

Action: Second Modification to the University Agreement with the UMB School of Pharmacy APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

Administrative Updates

Prescription Drug Affordability Fund

Executive Director York provided an update on the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund noting that the Board had received approximately 900 responses to the 1500 issued fee assessments, and had collected slightly less than \$550,000 to date.

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Jim Johnson provided an update of the Board's budget for FY22 and FY23, including a review of anticipated expenses and a repayment schedule to the Maryland Health Care Commission. The Board is included in the State's FY23 budget as a new program, reflecting the Board's status as an independent agency.

PDAB Staffing Update

Executive Director York advised that the Board anticipated hiring an administrative specialist and a contractual economist.

2022 General Session

Kris Vallecillo reported that Board staff are tracking legislation that might impact or interest the Board.

No Action Needed

AGENDA ITEM 6.

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 7.

Chair's Update

The Chair announced that 18 members of the Stakeholder Council have been selected, and that Board staff was preparing materials for its first meeting. The Chair also thanked the Board and its staff for its work, as well as the public for its time.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on March 28, 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. Levy and unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.