

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, November 22, 2021**  
**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 Bovelle, MD.

**AGENDA ITEM 1.**

**Approval of minutes**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion that the September 27, 2021, minutes be approved as submitted. Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Bovelle and unanimously approved.

**Action: Minutes approved.**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.**

**Approval of minutes**

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion that the October 27, 2021, minutes be approved as submitted. Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Onukwugha and unanimously approved.

**Action: Minutes approved.**

**AGENDA ITEM 3.**

**Health Information Exchange Report - Approval**

Andrew York introduced the statutorily required report prepared by Board staff regarding possible opportunities for the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board and the State's designated Health Information Exchange (HIE) the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP). Mr. York explained that while there wasn't an immediate need for collaboration, the staffs of both organizations would continue to look for such opportunities. The Board noted that an opportunity may arise regarding access data regarding drugs administered under the medical benefit.

**Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to vote on whether to approve the HIE Report regarding partnering with CRISP. Dr. Anderson made this motion, and Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair moved for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the HIE Report.**

**Action: HIE report approved.**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.**

**Update on Report on Prescription Drug Supply Chain and Policy Recommendations**

Mr. York reported that the request to defer submission of the two statutorily mandated reports for 180 days to allow a quorum of the Stakeholder Council to meet and advise the Board. Board staff will provide updates on the status of the reports to the Board's Data Subcommittee, and an overall update to the Board before December 20, 2021.

**No Action Needed**

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

##### **Administrative Updates**

Jim Johnson provided an overview of the Board's budget from 2020 through 2022, noting increasing spending as the Board hires staff and enters necessary contracts. Mr. York also provided an update on staffing, noting that the Board anticipated hiring an administrative specialist in the near future, and an economist next year. Mr. York provided an update on the progress of collecting assessments to fund the Board's work. Finally, Mr. York noted that the 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Board will be posted to the website after the meeting.

**No Action Needed**

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

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

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

**No Action Needed**

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

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

The Chair thanked Board and its staff for its work and thanked the public for its time. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on January 24, 2021. The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Onukwugha and unanimously approved.

**No Action Needed**

**Adjourned** at 3:02 p.m.