

**MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, June 26 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order:

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

(Roll Call) Stakeholder Council Members present: Jacqueline Allsup, Lorraine Diana, Babette Edgar, John Elliot, Jim Gutman, Greta Kessler, Barry Lipsy, Eric Morse, Marc Nicole, Shaun O'Brien, Hayley Park, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Schneider, Joseph Winn
(Quorum reached at 2:20 PM)

Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Diana deferred Approval of the Minutes to later in the meeting to satisfy the quorum requirement.

Agenda Item 3- Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments and no one requested to comment at the meeting today.

Agenda Item 4- Presentation: Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women's Hospital Program on Regulation, Therapeutics And Law (PORTAL)

Executive Director Andrew York provided some context for the presentation. He advised that the presentation is intended to inform and educate the Stakeholder Council about cost reviews and Upper Payment Limits, is similar to the presentation given to the Board at a previous meeting, and is for informational purposes only. There will be no Q&A following the presentation but members may submit questions as written comments.

Presenters: Dr. Aaron Kesselheim, Adam Raymakers, PhD, and Leah Rand, DPhil.

The PORTAL team provided an overview of the team members and what PORTAL does. Through a presentation available on the Stakeholder Council's meeting page of the Board's website, the team provided an overview of key topics in conducting cost reviews such as comparative effectiveness, cost effectiveness and budget impact and provided background information on how Upper Payment Limits are conceptualized in other states and systems. The presentation ended at 2:46 PM.

Executive Director York reiterated that this informational presentation was to introduce the concepts of Upper Payment Limits and Cost Reviews.

Agenda Item 5- Update Presentation: Cost Review Process and Regulations

Executive Director York introduced the Cost Review Process and Regulations noting that revised versions of the draft regulations are posted on the website for public comment. The comment period for this draft closes June 30, 2023.

In a powerpoint presentation available on the Stakeholder Council's meeting page of the Board's website, Executive Director York provided an overview of the cost review regulations process, reviewed the comments received and the main themes emerging from those comments, and discussed the revisions made to the draft regulations. The presentation finished at 2:55PM.

Executive Director York reiterated that comments concerning the draft regulations may be submitted through June 30, 2023 to comments.pdab@maryland.gov.

PDAB Stakeholder Council members had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Two Stakeholder Council members commented that the Board should reconsider adding insulins back into the cost review regulations.

Co- Chair Diana inquired whether a quorum had been established. PDAB Staff member Christina Shaklee stated that a quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes (Deferred)

Co-Chair Nicole exercised his prerogative to consider Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes out of order since a quorum had now been established. Co-Chair Nicole asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Glenn Schneider made the motion which Jim Gutman seconded and the Stakeholder Council unanimously approved the minutes with no opposition, one member abstaining. Shaun O'Brien abstained from the vote noting he was not present at the last meeting.

Action: Minutes APPROVED

Agenda Item 7- Co-Chair's Update (Revised Order)

Co-Chair Nicole exercised his prerogative to move to Agenda Item 7- Co-Chair's Update. Co-Chair Nicole reiterated that comments concerning the cost review regulations may be submitted through June 30th.

Agenda Item 6 - Administrative Update

Co-Chair Diana reminded everyone that Agenda Item 6- Administrative Update was skipped over and Co-Chair Diana turned it over to PDAB Staff Member Christina Shaklee.

Ms. Shaklee announced that some Stakeholder Council member terms will expire on June 30, 2023.

Executive Director York advised that PDAB staff member Dr. Michelle Robinson has left the agency and that PDAB will have a job opening in the coming weeks.

Agenda Item 8- Adjournment

Co-Chair Diana asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greta Kessler made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Shaun O'Brien.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:04 PM