

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
MINUTES**

Stakeholder Council Members present: Van Mitchell, Jacqueline Allsup, James Gutman, Deron Johnson, John Elliott, Lorraine Diana, Marc Nicole, Babette Edgar, Stephen Rockower, Eric Morse, Shaun O'Brien, Thea Williams, Barry Lipsy, Mandi Poplawski, Glenn Schneider, Sherita Hill Golden, Greta Engle Kessler, Allison Ciborowski, Martin Rosendale, Sean Tunis, Nicole Stallings

AGENDA ITEM 1.

Board Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2.

Minutes

Action on the February 23, 2022 minutes was deferred until staff had determined the presence of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM 3.

The Chair made various introductions.

AGENDA ITEM 4.

Ethics Presentation

Staff Counsel Kate Thompson, Maryland State Ethics Commission, presented an overview of state ethics law. Ms. Thompson explained that because the State Ethics Commission had granted the requested exemption stakeholder council members do not have to file financial disclosure statements. Stakeholder Council members are, however, subject to other provisions of the ethics law.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

Analytics Update

The Hilltop Institute provided an update on its work implementing certain legislative metrics including the methodology used in applying these metrics. Under the statute, the Board is to identify brand drugs with a launch WAC of \$30,000 or more per year or course of treatment, brand drugs with a WAC increase of \$3,000 per year or course of treatment, biosimilars with a launch WAC not at least 15% lower than the reference biologic, and generic drugs that cost \$100 for a 30-day supply (or less) and experienced a price increase of 200% or more. One concern is

how to aggregate unit costs to evaluate yearly utilization. The vendor proposed a top-down solution utilizing claims data to estimate the annual cost of the drug.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No person registered to provide public comment.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (deferred).

Chair's Update

Chair Mitchell acknowledged the presence of a quorum and asked for a motion to approve the corrected February 23, 2022 meeting minutes.

Jim Gutman moved to approve the minutes and Shaun O'Brien seconded the motion.

Action: Minutes Approved

The Chair advised that policy analyst Kris Vallecillo will be leaving his position with the Board, effective April 29, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 7.

Adjournment

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deron Johnson moved to adjourn and Barry Lipsy seconded the motion..

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.