

**MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Monday, December 19, 2022  
Minutes**

**Agenda Item 1**

**Call to Order:**

Co-Chair Lorriane Diana called the meeting to order at 1:59 PM.

**Stakeholder Council Members present:** Lorraine Diana, CRNP, Babette Edgar, PharmD., Jim Gutman, Barry Lipsy, Greta Kessler, Eric Morse, DDS, Marc Nicole, Shaun O'Brien, Stephen Rockower, MD, Beth Rada, Kimberly Robinson, Sean Tunis, MD, MSc, Joseph Winn

**Agenda Item 2**

**Introduction of the Co-Chairs**

Co-Chairs Marc Nicole and Lorriane Diana introduced themselves and advised that they will serve as Co-Chairs for the next two years.

**Agenda Item 3**

**Approval of Minutes**

Due to the lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, Co-Chair Nicole deferred consideration of the October 24th meeting minutes to agenda item 9.

**Agenda Item 4**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No persons registered for an opportunity to provide public comment.

**Agenda Item 5**

**Presentation by Maryland Healthcare For All Coalition and County Executives on Recent Public Forums for Making High-Cost Drugs More Affordable**

Executive Director York introduced Vinny DeMarco, president of the Maryland Healthcare For All Coalition. Mr. DeMarco provided a synopsis of the public forums on drug affordability conducted by the Coalition throughout the State in 2021 and 2022 with the support of elected leaders. President of the Board of County Commissioners Reuben Collins (Charles County), County Executive Calvin Ball (Howard County), County Executive Marc Elrich (Montgomery County), County Executive Jessica Fitzwater (Frederick County), County Executive John Olszewski (Baltimore County), County Executive Stuart Pittman (Anne Arundel County),

Mayor Brandon Scott (Baltimore City), Dr. Sanmi Areola Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health and Human Services and Education (Prince George's County), and Delegate Bonnie Cullison (Montgomery County) spoke on the value of the public forums, the affordability challenges facing local governments and their constituents, and establishing Upper Payment Limits.

### **Agenda Item 6**

#### **Staff Presentation on 2022 Cost Review Report**

Executive Director York discussed the 2022 Annual Cost Review Report mandated by Health General Article § 21-2C-09. This report provides an overview of price trends, yearly cost reviews, and policy recommendations.

The 2022 report is available on the Board's website.

### **Agenda Item 7**

#### **Staff Presentation on Cost Review Process**

Executive Director York discussed the factors to be considered with the statutory cost review process in Health General Article § 21-2C-09.

The presentation is available on the Board's website.

### **Agenda Item 8**

#### **Administrative Update**

Executive Director York advised that staff has released calendar year 2023 meeting dates.

### **Agenda Item 9**

#### **Co-Chair's Update**

Co-Chair Nicole asked for a motion to approve the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Greta Kessler made the motion, which Jim Gutman seconded, and the Stakeholder Council members unanimously approved the minutes.

**Action: Minutes APPROVED.**

Co-Chair Nicole asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Rockower made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Barry Lipsy.

**Adjourned at 3:47 PM**