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Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board
Tuesday June 27, 2022 @ 10:30 am
Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Peter Hayes, Dr. Noah Nesin, Rhonda Selvin, Dr. Susan Wehry
(Total = 4)
(Board seat 1 vacant)

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Reck, Dr. Julia Redding
(Council seat 1 vacant)

Others Present:

Advisory Council: Jonathan French, Jennifer Kent, Christina Moylan, Anne Marie Toderico, Heather Perreault

Employee Health & Wellness: Devon French, Roberta Leonard, Nathan Morse, Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez, Emma-Lee St. Germain

All Others: Gavin Magaha & Rusol Karralli – Apexus; Nicholas Doherty, Chris Feeney, Denise Marie Tucker, Tammy Sheehan

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action/Next Steps:
I. Call to Order (10:32 am)	Dr. Noah Nesin called the meeting to order.	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of the Minutes (May 24, 2022)		Dr. Noah Nesin states; minutes for previous meeting are not approved as all members were not present today. Approval set for next meeting.
IV. Monthly Business		
a. Apexus, 340B Overview – Gavin Magaha & Rusol Karralli	Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>340B Program Overview:</u> Apexus manages the 340B Pricing Vendor Program. <u>Three Areas of Focus:</u> 1.) Contacting & Distributing 2.) Education & Training 3.) Health Resources & Services Administration Aligns National Call Center. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>340B Drug Pricing Program Overview</u>: Federal Program requiring manufactures to provide discounted process on medications to health. • <u>Congressional Intent</u>: "To permit covered entities to stretch federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services." • <u>Eligible Covered Entities</u>: Hospital & Grantee. • <u>Compliance Areas</u>: To prevent diversion to ineligible patients, they must define who is a patient. There is also a Medicaid duplicate discount prohibition. "Guiding criteria" determines who is eligible for 340B prescriptions. There must be a relationship between the patient and the covered entity. • <u>Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP)</u>: MDRP Ensures Medicaid pays the least amount in the marketplace using rebates. Peter Hayes asks how we can get some of this revenue back to the insurance premium payors. • <u>Avoiding Duplicate Discounts</u>: A covered entity is responsible for preventing this from happening using the "Carve In" model. The covered entity could potentially not give 340B drugs to the patient. "Carve Out" States purchase drugs for Medicaid patients without an upfront 340B discount. "Carve In" States purchases drugs for Medicaid patients with an upfront 340B discount. • <u>"Carve In" Rates for Maine</u>: Maine does not permit 340B drugs to be dispensed through the retail channels. Drug costs are for "Usual & Customary." • <u>Stakeholder Challenges</u>: Stakeholder challenges include Covered Entities, Manufacturers, States & Government. 	
b. MPDAB Goals for 2022:	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <p>I. <i>Peter Hayes & Christina Moylan</i> – 10 Year Tolling Medicare Average; Trend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Data Set</u>: She states, we have a good start. The data found is data from the Federal Reserve Economic Data – and Christina believes this to be the correct data set. The set downloaded 	Christina Moylan suggests adding Jennifer Reck to the subgroup researching these topics.



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	<p>was from the last 20 years. In a year there has been an increase of 3%.</p> <p>II. <i>Christina Moylan</i> – Legislative Prescription (RX) Formula History.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a massive Legislative history. There was a significant amendment enacted that replaced the entire bill. 	
c. Development of Work Groups – Dr. Noah Nesin	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion noted. 	
V. Other Business		
a. Vacant Seats (2) – Dr. Noah Nesin	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Vacant Seats</u>: Dr. Noah Nesin reached out to contact in Governor’s office who will try and work with Legislature & Governor’s office to get seats filled. Unsure as to when that might happen. We have not heard from Legislature & Governor’s office regarding the work the board has done or whether they have seen it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Hayes suggests that next meeting they build on the 340B discussion & have Jennifer Reck discuss what the National Academy for State Health Policy & other States are doing regarding “double dipping.” Dr. Noah Nesin will contact Jennifer Reck on this matter for discussion in August. Rhonda suggests we invite guest speakers for more perspectives on 340B.
b. Open Discussion	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Remaining Education</u>: Board has asked to pursue the topic of Equity Considerations. Dr. Noah Nesin has contacted a couple of people who may be able to help in the Fall. 	
VI. Adjourn (11:56 am)		Peter Hayes made motion to adjourn; Rhonda Selvin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: August 23, 2022