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**Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board**  
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**Augusta, ME 04333-0061**

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**Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board**  
**Tuesday August 23, 2022 @ 10:30 am**  
**Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Peter Hayes, Dr. Noah Nesin, Jennifer Reck, Rhonda Selvin, Dr. Susan Wehry  
(Total = 5)  
(Board seat 2 vacant)

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

Others Present:

Advisory Council: Jonathan French, Jennifer Kent, Christina Moylan, Anne Marie Toderico, Kristy Gould

Employee Health and Wellness: Devon French, Roberta Leonard, Emma-Lee St. Germain, Nathan Morse

All Others: Clare Hunter, Gallagher Benefits; Ben Chandhok, Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Drew Gattine, National Academy for State Health Policy; Sana Osman, Maine Access Immigrant Network; Nicholas Doherty, Pharma – New England Region.

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>Action/Next Steps:</b>
<b>I. Call to Order (10:33 am)</b>	Dr. Noah Nesin called the meeting to order.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>		
<b>III. Approval of the Minutes (May 24, 2022 and June 28, 2022)</b>		<p>Peter Hayes made motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 24, 2022 Rhonda Selvin seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p> <p>Peter Hayes made motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 28, 2022; Rhonda Selvin seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>
<b>IV. Monthly Business</b>		
<b>a. 340B – Drew Gattine - National Academy for</b>	Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below:	



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<p><b>State Health Policy (NASHP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>340B Rebate Program:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Academy for State Health Policy’s Center for State Prescription Drug Pricing works with the states on model legislation and other strategies</li> <li>○ The 340B Rebate Program requires manufacturers to give discounts to covered entities to participate in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.</li> <li>○ This program is now 30 years old.</li> <li>○ The minimum discount is 23.1% of the average sale price.</li> <li>○ A covered entity without and in-house pharmacy could contract with a single outside pharmacy to provide drugs to patients.</li> <li>○ Congress changed the law in 2006 and in 2010 (as part of the Affordable Care Act), which both instances resulted in expansion of the entities participating in the program. A huge expansion in the availability of contract pharmacies was a big change in the program.</li> <li>○ The number of covered entities has ballooned since 2010 from 8,100 to 50,000 in 2020.</li> <li>○ There were 1,300 contract pharmacies in 2010 and 30,000 contract entities in 2021, including CVS, Wal-Mart, and Walgreens.</li> <li>○ Drugs purchased under the 340B program aren’t always used to serve low-income people and it is not clear if revenues are being used to further those goals due to lack of transparency and reporting.</li> <li>○ For some providers like Federally Qualified Health Center’s, federal enabling legislation requires revenues to be used to support the missions, for other covered entities, those specific requirements don’t exist.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. Other Business</b></p>		



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<p><b>a. Immigrant Classes and Coverage Challenges - Sana Osman - Maine Access Immigrant Network</b></p>	<p>Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Maine Access Immigrant Network (MAIN)</u>: Maine Access Immigrant Network is a community-driven, community health organization supporting wellness in the refugee and immigrant community in Maine.</li> <li>• <u>Clients Served</u>: The clients served by Maine Access Immigrant Network are Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Asylees, Diversity Visa Lottery Visa Holders, and Family Reunification Arrivals.</li> <li>• <u>What Does Maine Access Immigrant Network Do</u>: Maine Access Immigrant Network assists with language-specific case support, public health advocacy, public health research and COVID-19 as of March 2020.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>b. Open Discussion</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>10 Year Rolling Averages with Inflation</u>: Peter Hayes and Christina Moylan state the increase average is 3.9% and that this may be a reasonable first pass to come up with the index they will compare to.</li> <li>• <u>Vacant Seats</u>: The Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board has two vacant seats and do not have a pharmacist.</li> <li>• <u>Request for Proposals</u>: Jennifer Reck states they are moving forward with the contracting process for that and are hoping to have everything in place by September 2022.</li> <li>• <u>Prescription Affordability for All</u>: Committee agrees that to talk about prescription affordability for all they must recognize that there are groups that are disproportionately affected and will continue to recognize those populations as those opportunities present themselves.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Peter Hayes</b> states this may be a conservative number and will share the spread sheet with the committee.  <b>Peter Hayes and Dr. Noah Nesin</b> asked that this be put on the agenda for the October meeting.  <b>Peter Hayes</b> states this may be something we want to include in the report out for January 2023.  <b>Peter Hayes</b> states we should think about some of the topics they want for the October 2022 meeting, and suggests any interesting legislation.  <b>Noah Nesin</b> asks that today's presentations be sent out to the board and advisory council.</p>
<p><b>VI. Adjourn (11:54 am)</b></p>		



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		Peter Hayes made motion to adjourn; Rhonda Selvin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.
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**Next meeting: October 25, 2022**