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Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board
61 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0061

Noah Nesin
Chair

Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board
Tuesday April 27, 2021 @ 10:30 am
Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

Council members in attendance: Peter Hayes, Kenneth Mcall III (Mac), Noah Nesin, Jennifer Reck, Julia Redding, Rhonda Selvin & Susan Wehry (Total = 7)

Council members absent: Frank Johnson
(Council seat 0 vacant)

Others Present:

Advisory Council: Jonathan French, Kate Ende, Jennifer Kent, Christina Moylan, Rob Nadeau, Heather Perreault & Anne Wright

Employee Health & Wellness: Joel Hill & Roberta Leonard

All Others: Newell Augur, Kevin Bourque, Ben Chandhok, Caroline Fisher O'Neill, Matthew Guilbault, Kate Segal, Ann Woloson, & Karen Yeaton

Agenda Item	Discussion;	Action/Next Steps
I. Call to Order (10:32 am)	Noah Nesin called the meeting to order	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of the Minutes (March 23, 2021)		Peter Hayes made motion to accept the meeting minutes Susan Wehry seconded the motion; Motion passed.
IV. Monthly Business a) Presenters		
i. Jenifer Reck Tracked Legislation (NASHP)	Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LD120</u>: An act to lower health care costs through the establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care • <u>LD686</u>: An act to increase prescription drug pricing transparency • <u>LD673</u>: An act to create the insulin safety net program • <u>LD675</u>: An act to protect Maine consumers from unsupported price increases on prescription medicine by creating an independent review process 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LD1117</u>: An act to prevent excessive prices for prescription drugs • <u>LR1757</u>: An act to reduce prescription drug costs by using international pricing • <u>LD749</u>: An act to establish a council on health systems development • Noah Nesin stated the letter supporting LD120 was submitted to the legislature. 	
V. Other Business a. Creating a Mission & Vision Statement	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A breakout group will be determined to work on creating the mission and vision statements and bring it back to the board for review. • Peter Hayes and Jennifer Reck to assist with crafting mission and vision statements incorporating affordability, effectiveness, value, safety, transparency, education, empowering users, and consumers, drugs that people need and deprescribing. 	<p>Peter Hayes made motion to have three people as the breakout group Jennifer Reck seconded; Motion passed.</p> <p>Goal to bring recommendation back to the board for consideration in June.</p>
b. Waste Free Formulary to Educate Older Adults	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a waste free formulary Peter Hayes states that the questions that need answering are: How do we get rid of the low value drugs? How do we procure the drugs that people need? Can get the same efficacy from a cheaper alternative? • Susan Wehry provided an overview of the deprescribing campaign. Outcome is to add portions of this into the Mission and Vision statement and to utilize the information • Jennifer Reck will bring to the group on short term and long term focuses for the board. 	
c. Duration of Meeting and Summer Schedule	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for changing the meeting schedule over the summer months were discussed. No changes will be made at this time. • Taking a month off during the summer months was discussed and Peter Hayes and Susan Wehry expressed they would like to continue meeting throughout the summer. 	<p>Jennifer Reck made a motion to change the meetings length to 90-minutes Susan Wehry seconded; Motion passed.</p>
d. Open Discussion	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Hayes stated that focusing on long term and short-term options would direct the board. Jennifer Reck agreed with that 	<p>Kenneth Mcall III made motion to open a line of communication with other boards in the United States and Susan Wehry seconded; Motion passed.</p>



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	<p>approach as it will help the board stay productive and moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Wehry would like to see more information on international drug buy or from Canada. • Peter Hayes spoke about reviewing what goes through legislation in other states and nationally and noting what gets passed and doesn't get passed. Then utilizing that information to craft suggestions for the legislature. Kenneth Mcall III discussed advocating to the federal level if that is where the information or suggestions should be directed. • Kenneth Mcall III would like to reach out to other States that have a similar board to open a line of communication with at the least the board chair with the goal of determining how they are approaching similar issues. 	<p>Jennifer Reck stated NASHP already has a call scheduled for June and could bring in Maryland for that call.</p>
VI. Education	No Education Planned This Month	
VII. Adjourn (11:38 pm)		<p>Susan Wehry made motion to adjourn; Peter Hayes seconded the motion; Meeting adjourned.</p>

Next meeting: May 25, 2021