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Governor

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

Noah Nesin
Chair

Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board
Tuesday August 24, 2021 @ 10:30 am
Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

Board members in attendance: Peter Hayes, Kenneth Mcall III (Mac), Noah Nesin, Jennifer Reck, Julia Redding & Rhonda Selvin
(Total = 6)

Board members absent: Frank Johnson & Susan Wehry
(Council seat 0 vacant)

Others Present:

Advisory Council: Kate Ende, Jonathan French, Christina Moylan, Heather Perreault & Karen Yeaton

Employee Health & Wellness: Roberta Leonard

All Others: Ben Chandhok, Matthew Guilbault, Colleen McCarthy Reid & Ann Woloson

Agenda Item	Discussion;	Action/Next Steps
I. Call to Order (10:33 am)	Mac called the meeting to order	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of the Minutes (May 25, 2021)		Noah Nesin made motion to accept the meeting minutes Peter Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
IV. Monthly Business a. Tracked Legislation -Jennifer Reck (NASHP)	Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LD 120: An act to lower health care costs through the establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care. Will hold annual public hearings on cost trends, analyze cost growth and spending trends, and submit an annual report. First report due Jan 1, 2023. This office will provide administrative oversight of the PDAB, as well as staffing services. Heather Perreault said before it can be established the Governor needs to appoint someone, conversations are taking place the Gov's office to see if this is on their radar. 	Mac asked when LD 1736 will take effect, Jennifer Reck stated she will research.



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- Jennifer Reck stated the word oversight in LD 120 actually reads - provide staffing assistance at the request of the Board.
- LD 1736: Covers 3 FTEs: An Executive Director appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. A Public Service Coordinator II position (also appointed). An Office Specialist II position (administrative assistant). FY22 \$291,382 and FY23 \$403,831.
- LD 686: An act to increase prescription drug pricing transparency. This law changes how manufacturers report drug price information.
- LD 673: An act to create the insulin safety net program. This law requires insulin manufacturers to establish procedures to make insulin available to pharmacies for dispensing to eligible individuals who are in urgent need of insulin or who need access to an affordable insulin supply.
- Rhonda Selvin asked is this for type I or type II. Jennifer Reck stated it is not specific to type, defines urgent need of the insulin.
- LD 675: An act to protect Maine consumers from unsupported price increases on prescription medicine by creating an independent review process. This bill would have fined manufacturers whose drug price increases are unsupported by new clinic evidence. Gov. Mills' veto cites concerns of violating the Dormant Commerce Clause & patent preemption.
- LD 1117: An act to prevent excessive prices for prescription drugs. This bill would have prohibited manufacturers from hiking prices for generic and off-patent drugs. Gov. Mills' veto cites concerns of violating the Dormant Commerce Clause.
- LR 1636: An act to reduce prescription drug costs by using international pricing. This bill authorizes the Bureau of Insurance to establish international reference rates for the costliest drugs in the state.
- LD 749: An act to establish a council on health systems development. This bill establishes a council on health systems development that would discuss and review data and make



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	recommendations regarding improving the health systems in the state.	
V. Other Business		
a. Mission & Vision Statement - Peter Hayes (HPA) & Jennifer Reck (NASHP)	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mission Statements</u>: To determine annual spending targets for prescription drugs purchased by Maine public payors. • <u>Vision Statement</u>: Board recommendations will target strategies to achieve prescription drug affordability while maintaining safety and ensuring clinically appropriate use. The spending targets will be based upon a 10-year rolling average of the medical care services component plus a reasonable percentage for inflation and minus a spending target determined by the board for pharmacy savings. In addition, spending targets will be determined on specific prescription drugs that may cause affordability challenges to enrollees. • Discussed editing the Mission & Visions statements some before voting on them. 	
b. The National Conference of State Legislation (NCSL) Report	<p>Information contained in written reports; highlights and discussion noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation one</u>: Determine the true cost of prescription drugs. • <u>Recommendation two</u>: Streamline procurement processes and create new purchasing models. • <u>Recommendation three</u>: Encourage or introduce competition into the supply chain. 	
c. Other State Boards (Chair)	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah Nesin & Kenneth McCall III had a meeting with New Hampshire, New Mexico, & Maryland Boards on May 28, 2021. • Noah Nesin stated the meeting was mostly introductions and practical considerations. 	
d. Open Discussion	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah Nesin let us know that Frank Johnson has resigned from the board. • Noah Nesin has requested to suspend his participation to the board until January 2022. The Governor has not approved this request yet. Mac has agreed to lead the meetings in the meantime. 	



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VI. Education	No Education Planned This Month	
VII. Adjourn (11:55 pm)		Peter Hayes made motion to adjourn; Jennifer Reck seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: September 28, 2021