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

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Chair

Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board
Tuesday October 26, 2021 @ 10:45 am
Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

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

Board members absent: Dr. Noah Nesin
(Council seat 1 vacant)

Others Present:

Advisory Council: Kate Ende, Jennifer Kent, Christina Moylan, Rob Nadeau & Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez

Employee Health & Wellness: Roberta Leonard

All Others: Newell Augur, Ben Chandhok, Kristy Gould, Scott Landry, Liz Pujolas, Mariana Socal & Ann Woloson

Agenda Item	Discussion;	Action/Next Steps
I. Call to Order (10:46 am)	Mac called the meeting to order	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of the Minutes (September 28, 2021)		Peter Hayes made motion to accept the amended meeting minutes Dr. Susan Wehry seconded the motion. Motion passed.
IV. Monthly Business a. Board Composition – Heather Perreault	Mac shared the information below on Heather Perreault’s behalf Discussion highlights below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Governor’s Office has been informed that Mac is acting as chair in Noah’s absence A request has been made to confirm that they are okay with this change. No response has been received yet. The Board will continue as is with Mac as the chair. <u>The appointment of a new member to the Advisory Council:</u> Kristy Gould will be replacing Anne Wright. Maine Municipal Association submitted their nomination to the Governor’s Office but there was some confusion around the statute and MMA was told that this Advisory Council had been repealed. Heather 	



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	<p>Perreault has straightened things out with the Governor’s Office and also reached out to MMA to let them know, and to encourage Kristy Gould to participate in the meetings as a guest until her appointment is confirmed.</p>	
<p>a. Waste-Free Formularies – Dr. Mariana Socal</p>	<p>Discussion highlights below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Started in 2018</u>: Funded by Arnold Ventures, collaboration between Johns Hopkins University, PBGH and IPA. Started with large corporations. Are currently working with states, Medicare and others. • <u>What is wasteful Drug Spending</u>: Drugs that cost more but offer same benefit are placed on a formulary in order to earn a higher profit for PBM. • <u>Examples</u>: Using a branded drug when a generic is available. Using a branded “me-too drug” when cheaper options are available and drugs such as NEXIUM and DUEXIS will have much higher rebates than alternatives. • <u>Problem</u>: Even if the plan gets a lower price, patients may pay more because the % of cost-share is often calculated based on the list price. • <u>Rebates and Spread influence drug selection by PBMs</u>: Wasteful drugs are placed on formulary to earn higher profits for OBMs. A higher spread & higher rebates, may be preferred in the formulary as opposed to lower-cost. • <u>How Plan Sponsors Can Remove Waste form their drug formularies</u>: There are >800 drugs that can be considered wasteful. The guidebook created a compiled list of examples that can be used to check if there is a waste in drug formularies. • <u>The Waste-Free Formulary Potential</u>: Experience of large US corporation. 15 self-insured employers with 2,543,907 claims evaluated 6% were found wasteful. • <u>Most Common Wasteful Drugs</u>: Multisource products, Me-too products and Same-class products. • <u>Removing Waste is a Process</u>: Step-1 remove wasteful drugs. Step-2 changing underlying incentives (PBM contracts). 	<p>Peter Hayes asked for a trusted resource. Mariana Socal responded she would supply a weblink.</p>



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V. Other Business		
a. Bylaws – Kenneth McCall III	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a standing order agenda item. • Will look at other Boards bylaws to use as a guide. 	
b. Annual Spending Targets – Kenneth McCall III)	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will also remain as an agenda item going forward. • <u>Resource link that was previously provided:</u> https://mhdo.maine.gov/tableau/prescriptionReports.cshtm • <u>Goal:</u> How the Board wants to proceed identifying spending targets and if they want to use what is publicly available through Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) and/or identify other resources. • Ann Woloson stated the MHDO information is going to be updated very soon. • Jennifer Reck stated the MHDO data is not net of rebates on commercial site and Medicare. The data is useful but limited. 	
c. Meeting Schedule for 2022	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Reding suggested moving the meeting to a Monday or Wednesday morning. Jennifer Reck & Susan Wehry stated Wednesday mornings would work better. 	Mac stated he will bring up changing the 2022 meeting schedule with Heather Perreault.
d. Open Discussion	<p>Discussion highlights below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other discussions took place. 	
VI. Adjourn (11:53 pm)		Susan Wehry made motion to adjourn; Dr Redding seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: November 23, 2021