

Meeting Minutes: Prescription Drug Affordability Council Third Meeting

Date: 10/24/2024

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Location: Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St Paul, MN 55101

Interim Chair Jessica Intermill called the meeting called to order at 9:06. Recording was initiated.

Attendance

Members present:

1. Amy McNalley (online)
2. Galen Benshoof (online)
3. Dirk Killelea (online)
4. Buck Humphrey (online)
5. Gary Wertish (online)
6. Heather Anderson (online)
7. Hanna Thompson (online)
8. Stefan Gildemeister (online)
9. Jessica Intermill (in person)
10. Joel Farley (in person)
11. Josh Ney (in person)
12. Bob Miller (in person)
13. Kevin Brown (in person)
14. Joe Sellwood (online)
15. Randy Hanna (in person)

Members Excused:

1. Rae Blaylark
2. Aaron Sapp
3. Eric Tichy

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve; seconded. Agenda approved without changes through a unanimous consent vote.

Approval of July 18th, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve; seconded. Minutes from July 18th meeting approved without changes on unanimous consent vote.

Report from Interim Chair – Jessica Intermill reporting

- Update on departmental staff support
- Possible that PDAAC staffing can be covered under charges of PDAAB.
- Public: Sign up to get notices of PDAB meetings – that will also get you notices from PDAAC
- Public: Jessica established a Google Drive folder for documents and other information. Email PDAACjessica@gmail.com to request access

PDAB/PDAAC Interaction Task Force – Bob Miller reporting

- The interaction taskforce met once since the last PDAAC meeting.
- Primary recommendation from the first task force meeting was that Jessica was asked to contact Tony Lourey from PDAC to discuss what interaction the PDAB hopes from PDAAC
- Jessica reported that PDAB has asked for a white paper from the PDAAC to capture from each of our varying stakeholder perspectives “What does affordability mean”? This may help facilitate a better understanding of how the PDAAC should ideally interact with PDAB and provide input in regards to that perspective.
- Additional Discussion
 - o Randy Hanna – Should the emphasis be on affordability of specific drugs or more broadly affordability of prescription drugs as a system wide issue? No consensus on this definition, but the PDAAC has remaining questions regarding this.
 - o Discussion regarding task force membership
 - o Buck Humphrey – Might be helpful to look at interactions between PDAB and PDAAC in other states as well.
- Bob Miller agreed to facilitate an additional meeting of the interaction task force.
 - o Emphasis of next meeting will be on the PDAB request to collect perspectives on affordability from various stakeholder perspectives on the PDAAC
 - o At next meeting the task force needs to select a Chair to lead this initiative

Internal Governance/Bylaws Task Force – Josh Ney reporting

- The internal governance taskforce convened three times since the last PDAAC meeting.
- The composition of the taskforce includes Josh Ney, Robert Miller and Jessica Intermill
- Josh reached out to the Governor’s office to clarify a number of issues.
- Josh presented an overview of the draft PDAAC bylaws from the task force. The task force created the draft by starting with the draft PDAB bylaws and then paring back/adding as needed.
- Additional discussion
 - o Should requirements for meeting attendance be added? – Kevin Brown
 - o Should quorum for taskforce should be section 6 vs 5? – Randy Hanna
 - o Discussion about the incorporation of a minority report
 - If a minority report is produced, should there also be an opportunity for a majority report to be generated?

- Consideration of timing of release of minority report to facilitate time for other members to consider submission of a majority report.
- Consensus to adopt language of dissenting and supporting report vs minority and majority.
- Recommendation that after bylaws are approved, the PDAAC looks at the bylaws again after one year for potential checkup
- Discussion of timing of adoption of PDAAC bylaws. Recommendation to wait until PDAB bylaws are adopted. Should consider adopting provisional bylaws in the meantime.

Open Discussion

- Question from Buck Humphrey about how the PDAAC should respond to formal questions from the public or others and whether this information should be reported back to the PDAAC
 - Some concern over the ability to differentiate when communication is directed at a member's role on PDAAC vs personal or other professional capacity
 - Highlights need for departmental support for formal structure for public comments and for web input point for public to reach the PDAAC

Schedule for Future Meetings

- Must meet every three months. Can meet more frequently.
- Task forces might meet again
 - Consensus to apply quarterly meeting schedule – interpret “every three months” in statute to mean meet within each 3-month quarter, not “within three months of the last date the PDAAC met”
 - Next meeting will be second week of legislative session or later
 - Jessica will coordinate with Lisa to identify possible dates and then send a poll to group

Public Comment

Interim Chair Intermill asked if there was any public comment. No public comment provided.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:44AM