

NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

November 30, 2022 09:00 AM

NOTE: This meeting was recorded. All related documents (and a recording of the entire meeting) are available at: [New Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](#)

CALL TO ORDER: Representative Gary Merchant, Chair, opened; introductions were made.

ATTENDING: In person: Representative Gary Merchant, Robert Woodward, Senator Tom Sherman, Representative James Murphy.

Virtually: Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Representative William Marsh.

A quorum was established.

ABSENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Todd Fahey.

AGENDA REVIEW: Representative Merchant reviewed the agenda with the Board.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10 AND NOVEMBER 3 MEETINGS: Motion to approve October 10 minutes made by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Sherman. Motion passed via roll call. Motion to approve November 3 minutes made by Representative Murphy, seconded by Robert Woodward. Motion passes via roll call.

REVIEW JLCAR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF RULES: Following a short discussion, motion to approve the Conditional Approval of Rules made by Senator Sherman, seconded by Representative Murphy and passed via roll call. Motion to accept the adopted rule made by Senator Sherman, seconded by Representative Murphy, passed via roll call.

UPDATE THE BOARD ON FINANCIAL STRUCTURE: Attorney Robert Berry discussed his recent meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) CFO, Nathan White, regarding SB 450. The outcome of the meeting was that the Board can now set up an account, with Mary Calise stating it should be done by the end of December. Attorney Berry also stated that the MOU between the Board and DHHS is almost completed and the invoice for the Board to collect fees should be done by the next meeting. The Board then discussed the fiscal note. Senator Rosenwald suggested using a vacant position for the Board's executive director position, as creating a new position is more difficult. Attorney Berry stated this would need to be a discussion that's had between the Board chair and the Department of Health and Human Services commissioner. Representative Merchant stated he will work on a budget and bring back to the Board.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS ANNUAL REPORT: Robert Woodward presented and reviewed the annual report at length, the details of which can be found on the Board website, both in written form and in the video. The Board decided to revise the report's data to include only the numbers, leaving out the narrative. Motion to accept the annual report with modifications made by Representative Murphy, seconded by Senator Sherman. Vote passed via roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Heidi Kroll, with Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell, asked about the recently discussed JLCAR item about fees and assessments. She had the impression there was a timeline for response, to which Representative Merchant and Allyson Radmae specified that there was not. Heidi also asked about

the progress with the Board identifying the entities and contacts to which the invoices will be sent, and what the number will look like once all of the invoices have been sent. Representative Merchant said he was hoping to get Heidi's assistance, as well as other parties, in getting a better understanding of this. A short discussion followed about strategy moving forward about the budget, especially considering the fact the Rulemaking is now complete, so more time can be spent on these topics.

ADJOURNMENT: Undebatable motion to adjourn made by Representative Merchant.

Todd Fahey, Clerk, not present for this meeting, however, respectfully submitted.

Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary