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MINUTES

February 27, 2020

Wisconsin Pharmacy Cost Study Committee

State of Wisconsin



Location:

Hill Farms State Office Building – CR N133
4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pam Appleby, DHS (teleconference)
Jeff Bogardus, ETF
Daryl Daane, DOC
Nathan Houdek, OCI

Daniel Kattenbraker, DCTS
Eileen Mallow, ETF
Renee Walk, ETF

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Noah Roberts (Governor’s Office)

Julie Thiel (DHS)

OTHERS PRESENT

Department of Administration

Derek Sherwin

Department of Employee Trust Funds

Rachel Carabell, John Freidheim,
Lisa Gurley, Bruce Johnson,
Tricia Sieg, Brian Stamm, John Voelker
MMCAP Infuse (teleconference)
Cindy O’Donnell

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Jennifer Stegall

National Governors Association

(teleconference)

Kate Johnson, Kirk Williamson

Northwest Prescription Drug Consortium

(teleconference)

Trevor Douglass, Donna Sullivan

Ms. Mallow called the meeting of the Wisconsin Pharmacy Cost Study Committee (Committee) to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Ms. Mallow provided an overview of the meeting agenda and asked if there were any other topics that the Committee would like to discuss:

- Northwest prescription drug consortium purchasing approach;
- MMCAP Infuse purchasing approach;
- Summary of pooled purchasing approaches and analytics proposal update; and
- Governor’s Task Force and 340B Implementation report updates.

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WPCSC	5.28.20	2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2019 MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Kattenbraker moved to approve the open session minutes of the December 19, 2019, meeting as submitted by the Committee Liaison. Mr. Bogardus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mallow made the following announcements:

- John Voelker, Deputy Secretary of ETF is a guest at today's meeting and
- Jeff Bogardus will be leaving ETF on March 27, 2020 for another opportunity.

NORTHWEST PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONSORTIUM (NWPDC) PURCHASING APPROACH

Mr. Douglass, Pharmacy Purchasing Director, from NWPDC provided an overview of the history of NPDC. He stated the NPDC Agreement is between two states at this point, Washington and Oregon, and they provide services for private and public entities. Mr. Douglass stated NWPDC has the authority to directly procure via Oregon and Washington statutes and that the fixed administration fees drive the ability to pay for the programs they administer.

Mr. Douglass stated anyone in the state is eligible to apply for a NWPDC discount card and use it to save money on their medications. He stated this card is free of cost to all residents of Washington and Oregon and can be used nationwide at 55,000 pharmacies. Mr. Douglass stated NPDC oversees Moda Health and the MedImpact pharmacy benefit manager; Moda provides services over and above what MedImpact provides.

MMCAP INFUSE (MMCAP) PURCHASING APPROACH

Ms. O'Donnell, Marketing and National Fields Manager, from MMCAP provided an overview of the organizations mission. She stated MMCAP was formed in 1989 as a joint purchasing venture between Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ms. O'Donnell stated members are using some of MMCAP contracts in all 50 states within the United States and membership is free and voluntary.

Ms. O'Donnell stated a key point include optimizing savings via the 340B programs. She also stated savings may be found be increasing state agency pharmacies' service to employee benefits, which could:

- Service as contract pharmacies;
- Fill mail order prescriptions; and
- Be utilized when government COT pricing is better than other sources.

SUMMARY OF POOLED PURCHASING APPROACHES AND UPDATE ON ANALYTICS PROPOSAL

Ms. Walk provided a brief overview of the Summary of Pooled Purchasing Approaches and Update on Analytics Proposal memo (Ref. WPCSC | 2.27.20 | 5). She highlighted:

- Current agency purchasing;
- Pooled purchasing concepts; and
- Analytics proposal with PillarRx.

Mr. Bogardus and Ms. Walk will have a discussion with PillarRx during a meeting on February 28 in hopes to finalize a proposal on PillarRx being a third-party to gather data from agencies regarding pharmaceutical prices they receive in order to audit the prices. Ms. Walk stated they will report back to the Committee at its next meeting on any contractual concerns or recommendations. Mr. Bogardus stated there was a 90 day window to get this audit completed in PillarRx's initial proposal.

REPORTS

340B Implementation Update

Mr. Daane provided an update on the subgrantee 340B agreement arrangement with the Department of Health Services (DHS), under Section 318 of the Public Health Service Act, stating the MOU is in second draft and was submitted this afternoon, February 27, back to DHS. Mr. Daane found a sample draft of a 340B compliance policy from Alaska, which will be used as a reference guide to draft the Department of Correction's 340B compliance policy. He stated the anticipated "go-live" date for the MOU is July 1, 2020.

Governor's Task Force Update

Mr. Houdek provided an update on the Governor's Task Force on Pharmacy Benefit Costs. He stated there have been 2 Task Force meetings since the last update in December. Mr. Houdek stated each month, the Task Force focuses on a different area impacting pharmacy benefit costs. He stated January and February meetings focused on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and the March meeting will shift to pharmacies and pharmacists as a focus.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Renee Walk, Facilitator
Wisconsin Pharmacy Cost Study Committee