

Local Health Department Nurse Dispensing Committee Meeting

Minutes

July 29, 2024

(Virtual meeting)

Attendees

Lisa Guy, Co-Chair

Djinge Lindsay

Michael Souranis

Matthew Dudzic

Tonii Gedlin

MDH Staff

Lauren Whiteman

Theresa Wavra

Stacy Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Lisa Guy called the meeting to order at 10:31 am and informed the Committee the meeting would be recorded.

I. WELCOME

Council Co-Chair Lisa Guy introduced herself and shared meeting etiquette. It was encouraged that all meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The previous meeting minutes were sent to the Council for review prior to the meeting and also shared on the screen. Edits were suggested. Matthew Dudzic made the motion to approve the minutes with edits. Djinge Lindsay seconded the motion and no opposed motions. Minutes were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

The formulary update was emailed out to the Committee members for review. The first order of business was discussing the highlighted areas of the formulary update. Co-Chair Lisa Guy mentioned to the Council that Dr. Rossman conducted a poll of all of the LHD's (local health departments) on which drugs they don't use, and those drugs are displayed highlighted on the screen. Council Co-Chair Lisa asked members did they agree or disagree or have thoughts about removing the drugs that the LHD's have stated they do not use. The Council members discussed if the drugs should be removed if they are not being used or stay listed. Some drugs need to be looked into further for determination if they should stay or not. Tonii Gedin informed the Committee she would look into some of the questions raised during discussion with Dr. Rossman. In the meantime, doses and formulations was another discussion raised among the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that doses do not need to be included and that is something that should be left up to the prescribing practitioner(s). Specific drugs were discussed remaining. Questions were raised with the Council if nurses would be able to dispense specific medications and whether they should remain. Keeping within the confines of Comar, Theresa Wavra of the Maryland Department of Health shared with the Committee the most recent Senate Bill which speaks to the medication that are included in the formulary. The Council discussed different drugs and what should stay. Legality was also discussed. It was asked if time

permitting and appropriate to readdress this to the LHD's to finalize and make sure that everyone has been able to address it before anything is removed. Theresa Wavra of the MD Dept. of Health replied that would be fine and then she will speak with the MD State Attorney General (AG) specifically about the potassium iodide that the Committee believes should remain on the formulary. Theresa mentioned if the Council had any specific questions that could make going through this process helpful. Clarification of what specific drugs are allowed to be approved was discussed.

Combining medications for daily use TB patients on multiple medications and insuring training curriculum is up to date were two more questions raised but it was agreed to discuss in September. The training is in the hub. Volunteers needed to review the curriculum, and the process was discussed as well among the members.

Theresa Wavra informed the Council she is working on the doodle poll to send out for next meeting scheduling.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

September, 2024

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Souranis moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Djinge Lindsay. Meeting adjourned 11:24 am.