



## **Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021**

The Nebraska Drug Utilization (DUR) Board met January 12, 2021 via Webex originating on the 5<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Nebraska State Office Building Lincoln, NE.

DUR Board Members in attendance: Kevin Borchert, RP; Charlie Moore, RP; Phil Vuchetich, RP; Bruce Houghton, MD, Anthony Ross MD.

DUR Board Members not in attendance: Susan Howard, MD., Robert Wergin, MD., David Randolph, RP;

DHHS attendees: Leah Spencer, R.N., Program Specialist: Ken Saunders, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy; Dianne Garside, PharmD and Spencer Moore, PharmD.

Contracted attendees:

Nikia Bennette-Carter, RP, Magellan Rx Management; Valarie Simmons, M.S., Magellan RX Management; Jamie Benson, RP, Nebraska Total Care; Shannon Nelson, RP, WellCare of Nebraska; Bernadette Ueda, RP, United Health Care.

Numerous public visitors attended via Webex.

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ken Saunders on January 12, 2021 at 6:35 pm CST. Members and attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Ken Saunders made known that meeting materials and the Open-Meetings Act Law were available.

### **II. Conflict of Interest**

Ken Saunders called for declaration of conflicts of interest. None were declared.

### **III. Agenda approval**

No changes were made to the January 12, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. A motion was by Phil Vuchetich and seconded by Bruce Houghton to approve the October agenda and a motion made by Kevin Borchert with a second made by Phil Vuchetich to approve the November agenda. These were approved unanimously.

#### **IV. Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021**

A motion was made by Kevin Borchert with a second made by Phil Vuchetich to approve the November minutes and with a correction to note 7PM adjournment. The October agenda was also approved. Vote: Borchert- yes, Houghton – yes, Moore – yes, Vuchetich-yes, motion carried.

#### **V. Special Topics**

Saunders brought to the group that in order to get items voted upon, we need to adjust the voting methods until our membership is back to full capacity. With some discussion that the DUR Policy states the need for a quorum, Saunders stated that the majority vote may only be a short term fix. Saunders discussed the topic of replacing member vacancies. Saunders will again ask members to reach out to their colleagues for addition to the DUR Board.

Ken Saunders gave updates on legislative updates on the SUPPORT Act and drug utilization. Saunders stated that the statistics from the SUPPORT Act medications utilization will be brought to the DUR Board next meeting for the DUR Board's review and comment. There was no further discussion.

Phil Vuchetich discussed the different numbers on the SUPPORT Act charts. Saunders informed the group that the data came from two different sources. This was due to new software, with this being the first time our group used those figures. Saunders will re-run the numbers from the new database only and report out the results.

#### **VI. Retrospective DUR**

The remaining MME tapering scheduled change was on December 1, 2020 down to 90 MME/day.

#### **VII. Prospective DUR**

As mentioned under Special Topics above, the SUPPORT Act was reviewed by Ken Saunders related to antipsychotic medications, specifically in children receiving opioids. DHHS will provide information that will offer useful data to assist in making recommendations. Saunders obtained updated numbers for the SUPPORT Act.

#### **VIII. Future Meeting Dates**

Ken Saunders discussed that the next DUR Board Meeting will be March 9, 2021. If allowed to be in person, Saunders will obtain the venue and share its location.

#### **IX. Concerns & Comments**

Phil Vuchetich discussed the DUR Board's need to review medications, especially those that are new to the market. This included disease states like Chronic Hepatitis and the modalities used to treat those patients. Saunders stated that DUR Board is working on new topics for future meetings. These will include Asthma Immunomodulators and Hereditary Angioedema treatments.

#### **X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Charlie Moore with a second by Bruce Houghton to adjourn. Borchert-yes, Moore-yes, Houghton-yes, Vuchetich-yes. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm CST.