



## **Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2020**

The Nebraska Drug Utilization (DUR) Board met September 8, 2020 via Webex originating on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Nebraska State Office Building Lincoln, NE.

DUR Board Members in attendance: Kevin Borchert, RP; Lynn Carlson, RP; Shana Castillo, RP; Bruce Houghton, MD; Susan Howard, MD; Kirk Muffly, MD; Robert Wergin, MD; Phil Vuchetich, RP

DUR Board Members not in attendance: Charlie Moore, RP; Roger Mattson, RP; Eric Gall, RP; David Randolph, RP.

DHHS attendees: Carisa Schweitzer-Masek, PharmD, Director of Population Health, Nebraska Medicaid and Long-Term Care; 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 September 8, 2020 at 6:33 pm CDT. Members and attendees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Public attendees were directed to complete a sign-in sheet to be added to the meeting minutes. Ken Saunders made known that meeting materials and the Open-Meetings 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 September 8, 2020 meeting agenda as presented. A motion was made by Robert Wergin and a second made by Phil Vuchetich to approve the agenda. This was approved unanimously.

**IV. Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2020**

A motion was made by Robert Wergin and a second by Kevin Borchert to accept the March 10, 2020 minutes. Vote: Borchert- yes, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Houghton-yes, Muffly-yes, Vuchetich-yes, Wergin-yes. Motion carried.

**V. Special Topics**

Carisa Schweitzer-Masek and 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. The review of the Nebraska DUR policy for updates and revisions was presented. Saunders also commented that the CMS Annual Survey is almost complete. There was no further discussion.

Ken Saunders brought up the discussion of replacing member vacancies. Robert Wergin and Kevin Borchert suggested using the professional organizations to recruit new members. Robert Wergin also suggested that DUR Board members can recruit colleagues to join. Saunders will bring to the DUR Board names of anyone contacting DHHS with interest in joining the DUR Board. The DUR Board will discuss the interested parties and the DHHS will make a final determination on adding any interested parties. Robert Wergin brought up that since DHHS does not manage the antipsychotics, there needs to be consistency in their use by the MCO's. He feels this is not the case now.

**VI. Retrospective DUR**

The remaining MME tapering scheduled change will be on December 1, 2020 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. DHHS will provide information that will provide useful data to assist in making recommendations.

**VIII. Future Meeting Dates**

Ken Saunders discussed that future DUR Meetings will continue to be done virtually due to the current pandemic. DUR Board discussed future months to hold meetings. Motion made by Kirk Muffly with a second by Shana Castillo to have the next meeting be Tuesday October 6, 2020, and in November and skip the month of December.

Vote: Borchert-yes, Carlson-yes, Castillo-yes, Houghton-yes, Howard-yes, Muffly-yes answer, Vuchetich-yes, Wergin-no. Motion carried.

Ken Saunders then requested a discussion on the date for the November 2020 meeting. Several DUR Board members brought up that November 3, 2020 is election day. Motion by Kirk Muffly with second by Kevin Borchert to have November meeting be on Tuesday November 10, 2020. Vote: Borchert- yes, Carlson- yes, Castillo-yes, Howard-yes, Houghton-yes, Muffly-yes, Vuchetich-yes, Wergin-yes. Motion carried.

**IX. Concerns & Comments**

None were made or shared by DUR Board members.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Phil Vuchetich and a second by Robert Wergin to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Borchert-yes, Carlson-no answer, Castillo-yes, Houghton-yes, Muffly-yes, Vuchetich-yes, Wergin-yes. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.