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MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING
Med-QUEST Drug Use Review (DUR) Board

Date: May 14, 2025

Remote Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting participation for members and the public:
<https://medquest-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/85302735179?pwd=CWf0ox53U1av4UK4DP7mapYyKmbzJb.1>

In-Person Location:
Kakuhihewa Building
Conference Rooms 577A and 577B
601 Kamokila Blvd., Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

Members Present:

Wendell Au, Vice-Chair, Pharmacist
Eddie Fox, Medical Service Representative
Miki Lei Morita, Pharmacist
Dr. Greg Yuen, Physician

Members Absent:

Dr. James Lumeng, Chair, Physician
Reed Muraoka, Pharmacist
Dr. Curtis Toma, Physician

Staff present:

Dr. Ranjani Starr, Clinical Standards Office (CSO) Administrator
Erin Gomez, CSO Office Assistant
Julie Jay, CSO Administrative Assistant
Michael Mau, Information Technology Specialist

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Public guests: Gary Peton, Alfred Herrera, Kelsey Trujillo (Prospective DUR Board member), Ben Skoog (online), Chris Johnson (online), Brad (online), 2055 4664 (online), 1 stout (online), Georgette Dzwilewski (in-person), and Dennis Sison (in-person).

- I. Vice-Chair Wendel Au called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm and welcomed participants to the meeting. He proceeded with a roll call of DUR Board members. Quorum was not established. Each Board members participating remotely had noted for the record that they were present alone. Other guests of the Drug Use Review Board were noted and declared that they were alone: Gary Peton, Conduent Government Healthcare, pharmacist (present). There were no new members to introduce.
- II. The August 14, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. There was no public testimony. The motion to accept the minutes was deferred as quorum had not been established.
- III. Old Business (updates) by Gary Peton
 - A. There was a misbilling issue due to over-reporting of units for Acetris products. Recoupment of excess payments from providers is in progress.
 - B. Dental pain medications and benzodiazepines review will be ongoing and reported if outliers are identified. There were small changes in prescribing patterns (a decrease in hydrocodone and oxycodone, and increase in codeine prescriptions). As a percentage of all FFS drugs prescribed, the proportion of opioids prescribed decreased slightly from 14% to 12%. Recommendation for the board to set a target, if interested, to less than 10%.
 - C. Sublocade is subject to REMs requirements. The drug will be deferred and provided offline and only for physician/provider administration.
 - D. There is no update for Opvee.
- IV. Other business
 - A. Since quorum was not achieved, other business cannot be accomplished. Board members commented on the challenges of finding members who are willing to serve on the board.
 - B. Neither the public nor board members commented on priorities.
 - C. No public testimony was shared. No motion was made.
- V. The next DUR Board Meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2025. There was no public testimony. Without further discussion, Eddie Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Yuen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.