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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, December 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, David Regan Michelle Probert, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Commissioner Anne Head. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Joel opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings. The board reviewed and unanimously voted to approve as drafted the September 7, 2023, meeting notes. Joel then took time to recognize the time and effort Karynlee and her team made in responding to the comments received on the proposed rule changes. Joel then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

Refer to Meeting Presentation and Documentation in the link below for details on topics summarized below: <https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm>

* Review Public Comments, Staff Proposed Responses and Recommendations to Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets,* proposed changes*.*
  + Karynlee reminded the board that public comments were received on the proposed rule changes, that she had provided the board with copies of the written comments, and an updated Basis Statement documenting the comments received and staff’s proposed responses and recommended board action. Karynlee then summarized the amendments to the proposed changes in response to public comments. Karynlee also addressed one of the comments received specific to the proposed structure in Chapter 243 for submitting capitation data. Staff would like to address the comment and recommendation but to do so it will require a new public hearing on the proposed change as it is considered a substantive change in what was originally proposed.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets, as proposed and amended,* and authorizes Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

* **Board Action:** Board votes unanimously to authorize Karynlee to initiate rulemaking (routine technical) early 2024 for Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets,* so that staff can create a separate file for the submission of capitation data.
* Review Public Comments, Staff Proposed Responses and Recommendations to Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments and Other Supplemental Health Care Data Sets,* proposed changes*.*
  + Karynlee reminded the board that public comments were received on the proposed rule changes, that she had provided the board with copies of the written comments, and an updated Basis Statement documenting the comments received and staff’s proposed responses and recommended board action. Karynlee then summarized the amendments to the proposed changes in response to public comments.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of Rule Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments, and Other Supplemental Health Care Data Sets*, as proposed and amended, and authorizes Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

* Review Public Comments, Staff Proposed Responses and Recommendations to Chapter 270, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets,* proposed changes.
  + Karynlee reminded the board that public comments were received on the proposed rule changes, that she had provided the board with copies of the written comments, and an updated Basis Statement documenting the comments received and staff’s proposed responses and recommended board action. Karynlee then summarized the amendments to the proposed changes in response to public comments.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of provisional adoption of Rule Chapter 270, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets, as proposed (major substantive rule), and authorize Karynlee to submit the proposed changes to the Legislature prior to the January 2024 deadline.*

* Update on Rulemaking Timeline to Implement New Requirements of §1728, Prescription Drug Transparency Report Regarding the 340B Program.
* Karynlee reminded the board of the requirements in Public Law 2023, Chapter 276. She also reported that Staff shared a draft reporting structure with representatives from the Maine Hospital Association, MaineHealth and Northern Light Health. Feedback has been provided and staff is working on revisions to the proposed reporting structure. If all goes as planned the board will hold a public hearing on the new rule March 7th, 2024.
* Status of Mandated Reporting
* Karynlee reviewed the status of the MHDO and MQF’s annual mandated reports, the posting of the 2022 Standardized Annual Hospital Financial Report (three-part report) on the MHDO website (by end of December), and the update and posting of the Health Care Expenditures Report (by end of January 2024).

* Review Board Meeting Calendar for 2024
* Karynlee reviewed the board meeting schedule for 2024 as follows:

February 1st, April 4th, June 6th, September 5th, and November 7th. Meetings will start at 9am and depending on agenda will run 60-90 minutes. Additional board meetings and public hearings may be added depending on need. March 7th -Tentative date for public hearing on new proposed rule Re 340B Drug Program.

* Maine Quality Forum
* Karynlee reminded the board of the deliverables defined in a MOU between MQF and the Maine-CDC that the team is working on specific to Project Firstline. She also informed the board that new content has been added to the Maine Infection Prevention website which can be found here: <https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/>

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting:** February 1, 2024

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.