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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, June 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:03 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, Michelle Probert, David Regan and Ronald Watson. Absent: Anne Head and Peter Gore (resigned from the Board as of January 2023). 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 April 6, 2023, meeting notes. Joel then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

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

**Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets (major substantive rule)***

Karynlee reviewed with the board the following:

* December 1, 2022-MHDO Board votes to provisionally adopt the changes to Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets*, as proposed.
* The proposed changes to Chapter 570 became LD 375, *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570, Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization*
* Legislature passes as an emergency measure; and Governor Mills signs the bill on April 21, 2023.

Board Action: Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets*; and to authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

**Legislative Update**

Karynlee reviewed the status of the following LD’s and the potential impact to MHDO. Details can be found in the meeting deck which can be found here: <https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm>

* LD 418, *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100, Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization*
* LD 1395, *An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs*
* LD 1602*, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services*
* LD 1795, *An Act to Protect Patients by Prohibiting Certain Medical Facility Fees*

**Convening MHDO’s Health Information Advisory Committee**

Karynlee reminded the board of Public Law 2021, Chapter 423, which created the MHDO Health Information Advisory Committee. The advisory committee is established to make recommendations to the MHDO regarding public reporting of health care trends developed from data reported to the organization. The plan is to convene the advisory committee in September 2023. Karynlee reviewed with the board the list of advisory committee members as defined in §8718.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Karynlee reviewed the following schedule for upcoming MHDO public hearings and board meetings:

* Public Hearing for proposed changes to Rule Chapter 243 and 247, August 3, 2023
* Public Hearing for proposed changes to Rule Chapter 270, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets,* September 7, 2023
* MHDO Board Meeting September 7, 2023, following public hearing

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF) Update**

Karynlee reviewed the status of the key activities MQF is working on including:

* Developing the annual report on the Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the State of Maine
* Working with MHDO on a strategy to enhance the quality data on CompareMaine
* Project First Line Deliverables

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting:** September 7, 2023

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.