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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, June 2, 2022

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 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen (acting chair for this meeting), Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Michelle Probert, David Regan, Ronald Watson, Andrew Ellis, and Peter Gore. Absent: Commissioner Head (vice-chair). Also participating: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Neil opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings. The board reviewed and voted to approve as drafted the April 7, 2022, meeting notes. Neil then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

**Refer to Meeting Presentation which can be found here:** [**https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm**](https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm) **for details on topics summarized below:**

**Board vote on remaining board appointment to MHDO’s Health Information Advisory Committee (HIAC) as required in Public Law 2021, Chapter 423 (LD 541)**

Karynlee remined the board of the requirement in PL. 2021, Chapter 423, regarding the creation of the MHDO Health Information Advisory Committee. Specifically, she focused on the requirement of the MHDO board to appoint 6 members of the 11-member committee. She reminded the board of the 5 appointments that they made at the February board meeting and the one remaining appointment, a member representing carriers. Karynlee reported that the nomination before the board for the seat representing carriers is Katherine Pelletreau, executive director for the Maine Association of Health plans. The board voted unanimously to appoint Katherine Pelletreau as the member to the Health Information Advisory Committee representing carriers.

**Revisions to MHDO’s Data Use Agreement**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the substantive updates to the MHDO’s Data Use Agreement that she plans to release following this meeting pending no concerns from the board. Karynlee stated that she discussed the substantive revisions with Deanna (AAG). The updates are specific to the following sections: general provisions, data privacy and data suppression and miscellaneous. There were no concerns raised with the updates.

**Update on Ch. 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets***

Karynlee informed the board of the number of reporting entities that have registered with the MHDO along with some stats regarding the request for pricing component data as defined in Ch. 570. Karynlee also shared that she received communications from 6 reporting entities. She is in the process of reviewing and will respond accordingly.

**Update on Public Law 2021, Ch. 603, *An Act Regarding Reporting on Spending for Behavioral Health Care Services and To Clarify Requirements for Credentialing by Health Insurance &* 90-590 Chapter 247, Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the new requirements that impact MHDO because of the enactment of PL 2021, Ch. 603; and how these requirements are inconsistent with 90-590 Chapter 247, Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments. She went on to note that as previously discussed specific to chapter 570 and PL 2021, Ch. 305, when there are inconsistencies in a rule and a law, the law overrides the inconsistencies in the rule. As such, consistent with how MHDO handled 570, MHDO is updating Chapter 247 to align with the new requirements in the law. Due to the reporting requirement to the Legislature in January 2023, MHDO held an informational webinar with the payors in May to brief them on the new requirements for their planning purposes; at that time, it was communicated that MHDO would hold another webinar with the payors before the end of June to review the specifications of the file layout. Karynlee then asked the board for their authorization to initiate rule making for Chapter 247 for the purpose of incorporating these inconsistencies in the law (PL 2021, Ch. 305) in an adopted version of rule 247. A motion was made to authorize Karynlee to initiate rule making for Chapter 247. Motion passed unanimously. The plan is to hold the public hearing the morning of October 6, 2022.

**CompareMaine Release 11.0**

Karynlee provided a comprehensive overview regarding the next release of CompareMaine v. 11.0, including the following:

* + Anticipated Release Date: December 2022
  + Cost Data Reflects the Period: April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022
  + Quality Data Reflects the Most Recent Periods
  + New High Cost, High Utilization Procedures to be added
  + Address the Priority Issues for Improvement Based on Feedback from the CompareMaine 10.0 External Review.
    - Display payment ranges for complex procedures
    - Revise the methodology for attributing payment estimates to professional vs. facility
    - Replace the cell phone bar icons with an alternative approach for translating the rates and/or confidence intervals for the quality measures

The meeting slide deck (slides 13-17) provides details in terms of the team’s approach to addressing the external feedback. The board discussed these issues and supported the outlined approaches. Slide deck can be found here: [**https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm**](https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm)

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

Karynlee discussed the status of Project Firstline and brought to the board’s attention the new UTI educational module that is in the final review stage and will be posted within the next few months. She also brought to the board’s attention the fact that new content has been added to the Infection Prevention Forum. Karynlee shared the link to the site and encouraged board members to review the site as applicable. [**https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/**](https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/)

**Upcoming MHDO Board Meetings**

Karynlee reminded the board that the next board meeting is scheduled for October 6th which will follow the Public Hearing that the board plans to hold on proposed changes to Chapters 247, 100 and 570. The board plans to meet December 1 to review comments and responses to the proposed rule changes; and consider provisional adoption of Chapter 100 and 570 and final adoption of Chapter 247.

**Public Comments**

None

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