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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, february 2, 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 9:05 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Andrew Ellis, Michelle Probert, David Regan, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Commissioner Head, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, and Peter Gore. 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 voted to approve as drafted the December 1, 2022, 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>

**Request to Initiate Rulemaking**

Karynlee reviewed with the board a few of the key issues that she would like to address in proposed changes/updates to Rule Chapters 243, 247, and 270. Karynlee also reviewed a proposed timeline for the rule making process. After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to authorize Karynlee to initiate rule making for Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets;* Ch.247*, Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments and Other Supplemental Health Care Data Sets;* and Ch. 270*, Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets*.

**Legislative Update**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the members of the 131st Legislative HCIFS committee and its leadership. To date, Karynlee presented to the committee at their orientation meeting January 24th, and later this afternoon will present on data and information that is available on the MHDO website, including the new Baseline Report, Health Care Expenditures and Health Care Quality in Maine, that MHDO developed per an agreement with the Governor’s Office. Karynlee shared a list of LR’s/LD’s that MHDO is tracking based on potential impact to MHDO and or MQF. She reported that MHDO’s rule Ch. 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets,* is now 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*](https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0226&item=1&snum=131)*;* and that the public hearing before the HCIFS committee on LD 375 is scheduled for the afternoon of February 16th. Lastly, Karynlee shared with the board the recent announcement from Governor Mills regarding her nomination for the executive director of the new office of affordable health care. Karynlee reminded the board of the legislative requirements specific to the MHDO and MQF in supporting this office.

**Status of Legislative Reports**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the status of the six legislative reports that she and team are working on. Three of the six reports have been completed and submitted to the parties as required. The three reports that are still in process will be completed and submitted to the required parties before the end of February and March. Final copies of the reports are posted on MHDO’s home page under Recent Announcements.

**Tri-State APCD Collaborative**

Karynlee provided an overview of an effort she is engaged in with The Center for Improving Value in Health Care (Colorado’s APCD administrator) and Virginia Health Information (Virginia’s APCD administrator). Essentially, the three States are exploring the development of a multi-state APCD data product. Key activities to date include:

* In January the three States convened a group of data users to discuss the value of a multi-state APCD data product.
* Developing a draft proposal based on feedback we received that we plan to share with a broader group of data users.
* Exploring funding opportunities.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF) Update**

Karynlee reviewed the key activities that the MQF is working on including:

* Developing the annual report on Primary Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing the annual report on Behavioral Health Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing the annual report on Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the State of Maine.
* Working with MHDO on the updates to the quality data on CompareMaine that will be included in the December 2022 release; and on a longer-term strategy to enhance quality data reported on CompareMaine; and,
* Working on deliverables for Project Firstline.
* Posted a new training module (45-60 minutes) on the *Importance of Reducing Urinary Tract Infection Rates in Long-Term Care.*
  + Two primary goals of the new UTI module: Provide education on reducing UTIs in long-term care facilities; and build an understanding of how over-prescribing antibiotics, which commonly occurs in these facilities, can lead to antibiotic resistance of some bacteria, which increases the potential deadliness of bacterial infections.
* *Submitted a product brief to the Maine-CDC on a new training module on Infection Control Training Targeted for Outpatient Facilities.*

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting**

April 6, 2023

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