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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, April 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 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, and David Regan. Absent: Ronald Watson 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 voted to approve as drafted the February 2, 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>

**Updates to Rulemaking Timeline: Chapter 243, 247 (routine technical) and 270 (major substantive)**

Karynlee reviewed the following schedule with the board:

* Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets, and* Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments, and Other Supplemental Health Care Data Sets*
  + Public Hearing: August 3, 2023
  + Board reviews comments and votes: September 7, 2023
* Chapter 270, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets*
  + Public Hearing: September 7, 2023
  + Board reviews comments and votes (provisionally): November 2, 2023
  + Proposed Rule sent to Legislative Committee by January 12, 2024, deadline

**Legislative Update**

Karynlee reviewed the status of MHDO Rule Chapter 570 and 100 (major substantive rules).

* **L.D. 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*
* **L.D. 418,** *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100, Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization*

HCIFS Committee action on both L.D. 375 and 418-unanimous committee vote to pass as proposed. Both bills are working their way through the house and senate. Both bills are emergency measures which means a 2/3 vote in the house and senate is required for the bills to pass as an emergency.

Karynlee reported on the following items:

* LD 1395, *An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs,* and the impact to MHDO if the bill passes as written. She also reminded the board that the MHDO was monitoring approximately 30 LD’s/LR’s.
* EMS Financial Health Committee presented recommendations to HCIFS Committee per the requirements in Maine Public Law Chapter 241 (L.D. 1258). HCIFS may report out a bill based on the recommendations. Recommendation 5. (5) **Ambulance services should be included on CompareMaine.Org.**
* Invitation to join the Innovation and Quality Advisory Council convened by the Commissioner of DHHS. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Department of Health and Human Services on strategies to promote innovation and quality in Maine’s residential and nursing facility sectors.

**Status of Legislative Reports**

Karynlee confirmed that the following legislative reports have been submitted to HCIFS and other parties as required by Statute: MQF’s 4th annual Primary Care Spending Report; MHDO’s first annual International Referenced Rate Pricing for Prescription Drugs, and MQF’s first annual Behavioral Health Care Spending Report.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF) Update**

Karynlee reviewed the key activities that the 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**

June 1, 2023

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.