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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, September 7, 2023

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:15 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Michelle Probert, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Anne Head, Andrew Ellis, and David Regan. 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 June 1, 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>

1. **Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures (major substantive rule)***

* Karynlee reviewed with the board the following:
  + December 1, 2022 - MHDO Board votes to provisionally adopt the changes to Chapter 100, Enforcement Procedures, as proposed.
  + The proposed changes to Chapter 100 became LD 418, *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100, Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.*
  + Legislature adjourns without acting on LD 418. MHDO board has the authority to vote on final adoption within 60 days of adjournment.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures*; and authorizes Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

1. **Vote on appointment to MHDO’s Health Information Advisory Committee**

* Katherine Pelletreau, the former Executive Director, Maine Association of Health Plans was appointed by the MHDO to represent carriers on the advisory committee. Katherine has since retired. The new nomination for the carrier seat on the advisory committee is Dan Demeritt Executive Director, Maine Association of Health Plans.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of Mr. Demeritt’s nomination and he is appointed as the member on the advisory committee representing carriers.

1. **Review Timeline for Implementation of Public Law 2023, Chapter 276 (L.D. 1395, *An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs*); and Public Law 2023, Chapter 410 (L.D. 1795, *An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients*).**

* Karynlee reviewed with the board the new reporting requirements in Title 22, Ch. 1683 §1728 2 (formerly L.D. 1395,*An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs*). She also requested authorization from the board to initiate rulemaking (routine technical) to implement the new requirements of §1728; and she proposed a tentative timeline for the rulemaking process.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously to authorize Karynlee to initiate rulemaking to implement the new requirements in Title 22, Ch. 1683 §1728.

* Karynlee reviewed with the board the new reporting requirements in Title 22 Chapter §8712 2-A (formerly L.D. 1795, *An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients).* Karynlee discussed the outline of the report and the proposed timeline for the development of the report.

1. **Update on Status of Proposed Changes to Rule 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**.

* Karynlee reviewed with the board the tentative timeline for the review of public comments, staff responses and recommendations specific to the proposed rule changes to Chapter 243 and Chapter 247. The board agreed to meet December 7th from 9am-noon, if needed.

1. **Update on CompareMaine 12.0 Release**

* Karynlee reviewed the following highlights regarding the upcoming release of CompareMaine.
  + Anticipated Release Date: December 2023
  + Payment Data Updated: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
  + Quality Data Updated: Based on most current data available.
  + Adding CMS Overall Hospital Quality Five Star Rating
  + Methodology enhancements and revisions to language for clarity

1. **Maine Quality Forum Update**

* Karynlee reviewed the status of the key activities MQF is working on including:
  + Developing annual report on rate of healthcare associated infections in the State of Maine
  + Working with MHDO on updating the quality data on CompareMaine for 12.0 release
  + Working on Project First Line Deliverables
  + Drafting annual primary care spending report
  + Drafting annual behavioral health care spending report

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting:** TBD (November 2nd or December 7th)

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