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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, February 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, David Regan and Michelle Probert. Absent: Commissioner Anne Head and Ron Watson. 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 December 7, 2023, meeting notes. Joel then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

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

* **Status of Mandated Reports**
  + Karynlee reviewed the status and revised timelines for the submission of MHDO and MQF’s annual mandated reports. Refer to detailed table in presentation deck (slides 2-3).
* **Legislative Update**
  + Karynlee reviewed the list of LDs the agency is tracking that as currently drafted may impact MHDO. The bills reviewed were LD 1533, 1740, 1829, 1948 and 2165. Refer to presentation deck for copies of each bill (slide 5). Karynlee also shared with the board a copy of the final report from the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients; specifically, she reviewed the recommendations in the report relevant to the MHDO. Refer to presentation deck for the link to the report and specific recommendations (slide 6). Lastly, Karynlee talked to the board about the creation and work of the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee and a potential bill the committee plans to submit this session that could impact the MHDO. Karynlee will keep the board updated as the process unfolds, and more details are available.
* **Update on Rulemaking Timeline to Implement New Requirements of §1728, Prescription Drug Transparency Report Regarding the 340B Program, & Ch. 243 proposed changes**
  + Karynlee reviewed the tentative schedule for rulemaking specific to the proposed changes to Chapter 243 and the new rule to collect data from hospitals participating in the federal 340B program. The public hearing for both rules is May 1, 2024, and the board considers final adoption of the rules at the June 7, 2024, MHDO board meeting.
* **Update on Board Nominations, Appointments and Composition**
  + Karynlee discussed the board nomination process, status of appointments, and the need to revise the language in Title 22, chapter 1683 §8703 2. A. (and potentially other provisions) specific to the composition of the board. Karynlee will draft a proposal for the board’s consideration this spring/summer based on previous discussions the board has had on this topic. Karynlee will also follow up with board members directly specific to terms and documentation.
* **Update on Maine Quality Forum**
* Karynlee reminded the board of the deliverables defined in a MOU between MQF and the Maine-CDC that the team is working on specific to Project Firstline. She also shared with the board that new content has been added to the Maine Infection Prevention website which can be found here: <https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/>

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting:** April 4, 2024

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