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BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Virtual Meeting  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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, Michelle Probert, and Ron Watson. Absent: Commissioner Anne Head. 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 February 1, 2024, 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>

➤ **Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 270, Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets**

Karynlee summarized the status of LD 2165, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270, Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization. The legislature passed as an emergency measure with no changes from what was proposed; Governor Mills signed the bill on March 12, 2024. The MHDO Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 270; and authorizes Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

➤ **Status of Mandated Reports**

Karynlee reviewed the list of the MHDO's and MQF's annual mandated reports and confirmed that all reports have been submitted to the HCIFS Committee and others as required.

➤ **Legislative Update**

Karynlee reviewed the status of the LDs that if passed as currently drafted will impact MHDO. The bills reviewed were LD 1533 (enacted- PL 521), 2282, 1829 and 2271.

➤ **Update on Rulemaking Timeline Specific to Proposed Changes to Rule Chapter 243, Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets, and New Proposed Rule Chapter 340, Uniform Reporting System for Reporting 340B Drug Program Data Sets**

Karynlee discussed the timing of the public hearing for both rules- May 1, 2024 (announcement in newspaper April 10th with links to the proposed rules for stakeholders). Depending on the volume and content of public comments, the goal is for the MHDO Board to consider final adoption of both rules at the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, board meeting.

➤ **Maine Cancer Blueprint**

Karynlee reported on the work that MHDO is doing with the Maine Cancer Foundation, specifically the development of the Maine Cancer Blueprint. The Maine Cancer Blueprint is a comprehensive source of information for monitoring cancer statistics in Maine. Sponsored by the Maine Cancer Foundation and developed by the Human Services Research Institute. The Blueprint is designed to:

- increase awareness of cancer-related issues;
- expand access to care;
- support lifestyle changes to reduce cancer risk; and
- provide individual and population-based measures to inform targeted interventions.

Data from MHDO was a primary data source used in developing the Blueprint, including All Payer Claims Data (APCD), Hospital Encounter Data, and MHDO's merged data sets-Maine Vital Statistics (birth and death) Records and the Maine Cancer Registry. Karynlee also shared with the board that the dashboard has been posted on MHDO website at

<https://mhdo.maine.gov/tableau/maineCancerBlueprint.cshtml>

➤ **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:** June 6, 2024

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