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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, June 6, 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 Ronald 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.

**Board Action:** Boards votes unanimously to approve as drafted the April 4, 2024, meeting notes.

**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>

* **Rule Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets* (routine technical rule)**

Karynlee reminded the board that public comments were received on the proposed rule changes, that she had provided the board with copies of the written comments, and an updated Basis Statement documenting the comments received and staff’s proposed responses and recommended board action. Karynlee then summarized the amendments to the proposed changes in response to public comments.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously in favor of final adoption of rule Chapter 243, *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets, as proposed and amended,* and authorizes Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

* **Newly Proposed Rule Chapter 340*, Uniform Reporting System for Reporting 340B Drug Program Data Sets***

Karynlee updated the Board on the status of reviewing and preparing responses to the public comments received specific to the newly proposed Chapter 340, *Uniform Reporting System for Reporting 340B Drug Program Data Sets.* Based on the volume and substance of the public comments received, more time is needed to prepare the Basis Statement for the board’s review. The revised timeline is for the board to review the updated Basis Statement at the September 5, 2024, board meeting and consider adoption of new rule as proposed and amended.In the interim, MHDO plans to post a new page on the MHDO website that identifies the hospitals in Maine that participate in the 340B program and the link to the page on their website that describes the program.

* **New Data Collection Requirement**

Karynlee requested authorization from the board to initiate rulemaking (major substantive rule as confirmed by Deanna White, AAG) to implement the new requirements of 22 MRSA §8732, sub-§3. **Notification by manufacturers of wholesale acquisition cost for insulin**. No later than February 15th of each year, a manufacturer of insulin must notify MHDO of the wholesale acquisition cost per pricing unit for the insulin produced by the manufacturer in each category of insulin (LD 2282, PL Chapter 610). The new law goes into effect August 9, 2024. Karynlee reviewed the timeline: September 5th the board holds a public hearing on the newly proposed rule ; at the December 5th board meeting the board reviews public comments received, staff responses and recommendations, and consider provisional adoption of the rule so that the provisionally adopted rule can be sent to the Legislative Committee by the January 2025 deadline.

* **Chapter 300, Proposed Changes & Timeline**

Karynlee requested authorization from the board to initiate rulemaking (routine technical) to propose changes to Chapter 300, *Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Financial Data (and Hospital Organizational Data).*  If approved the public hearing would be September 5th, 2024; and the board would review public comments, staff responses and recommendations, and adopt as proposed and or amended at the December 5th, 2024 board meeting.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously to authorize Karynlee to initiate rulemaking (routine technical) to propose changes to Chapter 300, *Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Financial Data (and Hospital Organizational Data).*

* **Status of the Baseline Health Care Expenditures and Quality Report**

Karynlee updated the board on the status of the updates to the interactive Baseline Health Care Expenditures Report. One additional year of data will be added as will some refinements in methodology. Karynlee also reported that she is working with the Office of Affordable Health Care on the next phase of the baseline report, specifically reporting hospital payments and utilization.

* **Status of CMS Changes to Accessing Medicare Data**

Karynlee informed the board that in April 2024, CMS proposed changes in their policy regarding the access and cost of the research identifiable Medicare data which is what MHDO obtains and integrates into the MHDO All Payer Claims Database (APCD). Originally CMS planned to implement the changes August 19, 2024. However, based on comments/responses CMS received regarding the new policy, CMS has decided to delay the implementation of policy changes to not begin before 2025. The National Association of Health Data Organizations and the APCD Council submitted a letter to CMS expressing the State’s collective concerns if these proposed policy changes go into effect. Karynlee will keep the board informed as the process unfolds.

* **MHDO Board of Directors**

Karynlee discussed with the board the need to propose revisions to section §8703 in MHDO’s governing statute, (Title 22, Chapter 1683) which defines the composition of the MHDO board of directors. The revisions to the language would align with the way in which the board has operated for the last ten years. The board agreed. Karynlee will draft revisions to the language for the board’s consideration at the September 5th board meeting.

* **Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2024**

September 5th-Public Hearing (new) and Board Meeting

November 7th-Board Meeting

December 5th-Board Meeting (new)

* **Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

Karynlee reviewed the status of the following deliverables MQF is working on:

* + Annual report on rate of healthcare associated infections in the State of Maine
  + Project First Line deliverables
  + Annual Primary Care Spending Report
  + Annual Behavioral Health Care Spending Report

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting (Public Hearing and then Board Meeting):**

September 5th, 2024

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.