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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, November 7, 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 9:05 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Commissioner Head (vice-chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, and Michelle Probert. Absent, 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:** Board votes unanimously to approve as drafted the September 5, 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>

* **Review Public Comments, Staff Proposed Responses and Recommendations regarding Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures***

Karynlee summarized the rule making process to date specific to Chapter 100 and confirmed that there were no verbal or written comments received on the proposed rule.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously to provisionally adopt Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures,* as proposed; and authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

* **Review Public Comments, Staff Proposed Responses and Recommendations regarding Chapter 800, *Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin***

Karynlee summarized the rule making process to date specific to Chapter 800 and confirmed that there were no verbal or written comments received on the proposed rule.

**Board Action:** Board votes unanimously to provisionally adopt Chapter 800, *Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin,* as proposed; and authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

* **Mandated Reporting & Letter from Chairs of HCIFS Committee**

Karynlee reviewed the list of mandated reports for both the MHDO and MQF with a focus on the new requirement that the MHDO *produce and post on its publicly accessible website information designed to educate the public about facility fees and under what circumstances depending on payor and type of service a facility fee may be charged.* Karynlee also reviewed the specific request of the chairs of the HCIFS committee to improving the transparency related to facility fees to educate patients, as communicated to the MHDO and the Office of Affordable Health Care in an April 11, 2024, letter, and her approach in response to the request. After much discussion the board agreed with the approach that MHDO continue to enhance the Detailed Data Set produced as part of the first annual report on facility fees; enhance the descriptions on CompareMaine specific to professional and technical fees, with an ongoing focus on the variation in median payments across different health care settings; and include a note in the annual facility fee report as required in Title 22, Ch. 1683, section 8712 2-A, that the Office of Affordable Health Care will submit comments/recommendations directly to the committee as requested.

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting**

December 5, 2024

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