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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, October 6, 2022

9:25 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:25 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Commissioner Head (vice-chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Michelle Probert, David Regan, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, and Peter Gore. 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 voted to approve as drafted the June 2, 2022, meeting notes. Joel then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

**Refer to Meeting Presentation which can be found here:** [**https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm**](https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm) **for details on topics summarized below:**

**Key Deliverables & Timing for CompareMaine 11.0 Release**

Karynlee stated that the anticipated release date of CompareMaine version 11.0, is scheduled for the week of December 19th. She also reminded the board that the cost data in 11.0 reflects the period April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022; and that the prescription drug reports (top 25 most costly, most frequently prescribed, and highest year over year cost increases in Maine) reflects the period July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Quality data reflects the most recent periods available. Karynlee also stated that the external review is planned to begin the end of October through mid-December. She stated that the external review will include a link to the CompareMaine 11.0 demo site and a newly created excel spreadsheet that contains all the cost estimates.

**Public Posting of FY2021 Hospital Financial Data**

Karynlee stated that the external hospital review of the standardized annual report (which is a three- part report) is scheduled to begin early December and end December 21, 2022.

If all goes as planned, the FY 2021 MHDO Hospital Financial Reports will be posted on the MHDO Website the week of December 28, 2022.

**Status of Upcoming Legislative Reports**

Karynlee reviewed in detail six reports that are due before the end of 2022 and early 2023. Refer to slide 4 in the presentation deck for the specific report, the governing statute, due date, and the party the report must be submitted to.

**Maine Cancer Foundations *Maine Cancer Blueprint***

Karynlee shared with the board a press release from the Maine Cancer Foundation, dated September 22, 2022, regarding the creation of the first Maine Cancer Blueprint. MHDO’s data will be a primary data source, including the All-Payer Claims Data (APCD), Hospital Encounter Data Sets, and data sets linked to the MHDO data, such as the Maine Vital Statistics (birth and death) Records and the Maine Cancer Registry. As stated in the press release, *the Maine Cancer Blueprint is a comprehensive, interactive, data-driven tool designed to increase knowledge and awareness of issues related to cancer, expand access to care, and support lifestyle changes to reduce cancer risk. The goal of the Blueprint is to support efforts to reduce disparities in cancer prevention, treatment, and outcomes for all Maine residents. Measures will be displayed by race and ethnicity, insurance type, and geographic regions.*

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF) Update**

Karynlee reviewed the key activities the MQF is working on including:

* Developing the annual report on Primary Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing annual (1st) report on Behavioral Health Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing annual report on Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the State of Maine.
* Working with MHDO on the updates to the quality data on CompareMaine that will be included in the December 2022 release; and on a longer-term strategy to enhance quality data reported on CompareMaine; and,
* Working on deliverables for Project Firstline
* Posting within the next few weeks a new training module on the *Importance of Reducing Urinary Tract Infection Rates in Long-Term Care*
* *Discussing with the ME CDC ideas for new training modules (example: preventing HAIs in the outpatient setting), and the need for translation (in eLearning it is called localization).*

**Next MHDO Board Meeting**

December 1, 2022

**Public Comments**

None

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