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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

151 CAPITOL STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE

THURSDAY, september 5, 2019

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:15 a.m. with the following board members present: Neil Korsen, (Chair), Andy Ellis, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Sandy Parker, and Ronald Watson. Absent members were: Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Joel Allumbaugh, Peter Gore, Colin McHugh, and David Regan. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Vote to Approve Board Minutes - Karynlee stated that the March 7th board meeting minutes will be forthcoming. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 23, 2019 MHDO board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Status of Board Appointments - Michelle Probert, Director of MaineCare Services has been appointed to fill the vacant Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) seat on the board. Lisa Harvey-McPherson’s appointment has termed-out and the Executive Director of the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine plans to submit paperwork to nominate Angela Richards to fill the seat.

**Executive Director Report**

Status of PL 2019, Chapter 470 [LD 1162] An Act to Further Expand Drug Price Transparency and Next Steps – Karynlee reported that after consulting with the Executive Committee the date for the public hearing for the following rules: Chapter 570, Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets; Chapter 10, Determination of Assessments; Chapter 100, Enforcement Provisions; and Chapter 300, Uniform Reporting System for Financial Data Sets, is November 21st. A board meeting will immediately follow the public hearing to discuss written comments received, and to vote on the adoption of Chapters 241, Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient Data Sets and 243: Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets. The next board meeting will be January 16, 2020 to discuss written comments received and to vote on the provisional adoption of Chapter 100 (the only rule that is major substantive), and possibly vote to adopt Chapters 10, 300 and 570. A tentative meeting will be scheduled for February 6th to finalize any remaining issues. The board agreed to the schedule.

Status of LD 30: An Act to Improve Health Care Data Analysis and Next Steps – LD 30 was carried over from the last legislative session. Representative Anne Perry asked to meet with MHDO to discuss the bill. Karynlee asked Representative Perry to consider what the board has discussed regarding the following issues: add language to the MHDO statute that gives the MHDO the authority to access data from other state agencies (e.g., the Maine Cancer Registry and the Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics) to integrate our hospital and/or claims data for release to authorized MHDO data users; add language consistent with the clarifications made in CFR 42 Part 2 regarding the submission of SUD data to the MHDO; revise section 8712 section (2) specific to the requirement that the data on CompareMaine be updated annually vs semiannually; delete 8712 sections (3)(4). The board discussed adding language to our statute that would require the MHDO to convene a multi-stakeholder advisory group to meet to advise the MHDO on relevant health care data that could be publicly reported in an annual dashboard. It was recommended that a member from the DHHS Committee and Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee be included in the advisory group. The board agreed with the need to address these issues in MHDO’s statute. Karynlee will work with Deanna on drafting language that will be shared with the board.

Status of CompareMaine 8.0 Release (scheduled for end of November 2019) - Karynlee will e-mail the board two internal working documents, one with potential procedures to add to CompareMaine, and another showing the eight procedures that will be added to the next release of CompareMaine.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

Status of PL 2019, Chapter 244 [LD 1353] An Act to Establish Transparency in Primary Health Care Spending & Next Steps - An advisory group has been established, and the first meeting will be held on October 10th. A survey was sent to the largest payers (including Medicaid) asking for their methodology on how they pay primary care as required in the new mandate. The focus of the first meeting will be on the definition of primary care and an overview of the timeline for the development and review of the draft report that is due to the Legislature by January 15, 2020.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.