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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

151 CAPITOL STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE

THURSDAY, january 16, 2020

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Anne Head (Vice Chair), Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Michelle Probert and Ron Watson. Lisa Harvey-McPherson called the meeting to order and chaired the meeting on behalf of Neil Korsen, Chair. Neil Korsen, Sandra Parker, Andy Ellis, and Joel Allumbaugh attended by phone. Therefore, a roll call vote was taken for all motions made during the meeting. Peter Gore and David Regan were absent. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General, and Jim Jones consultant for MHDO (working with staff on LD 570) attended by phone.

Chair Report

Vote to Approve Board Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 21, 2019 MHDO board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

**Proposed Rule Changes:**

Karynlee reviewed the written public comments received regarding the new proposed rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets*. Refer to handout titled, [Comment and Response Document Specific to Rule Chapter 570](https://mhdo.maine.gov/_boardMtngItems/Ch%20570_Comments_Responses_draft%20Final%20200113.docx).

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Chapter 570 as amended pending final review by the AG’s Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Karynlee reviewed the written public comments received regarding the proposed changes to Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures (major substantive rule)*. Refer to handout titled, [Comment and Response Document Specific to Rule Chapter 100](https://mhdo.maine.gov/_boardMtngItems/Ch%20100_Comments_Responses_Final_200116.docx).

A motion was made and seconded to provisionally adopted Chapter 100 as amended pending review by the Legislature. The motion passed unanimously

Karynlee stated that there were no written public comments received regarding the proposed changes to Rule Chapter 10, *Determination of Assessments*. However, Karynlee did state that the revisions to the definitions that were made because of the comments and actions of the board specific to Rule Chapter 570 would apply across Rule Chapter 10 as applicable.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Chapter 10 as proposed pending review by the AG’s Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Karynlee stated that there were no written public comments received regarding the proposed changes to Rule Chapter 300.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Chapter 300 as proposed pending review by the AG.’s Office. The motion passed unanimously.

**Legislative Update**

Karynlee summarized the requirements specific to the MHDO in several legislative bills that if passed as written will impact MHDO.

L.D. 2007, *An Act to Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve Health* *Choices in Maine*. Karynlee reviewed the requirement in the bill specific to MHDO found in section B-8 24-A section 3952, sub-5-A (on page 10). She stated that she felt the organization could absorb the requirement within its existing resources and that at this time she did not believe that there would be a fiscal note from MHDO. The public hearing on this bill will be before the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

L.D. 30, *An Act to Improve Health Care Data Analysis* is Representative Perry’s carryover bill from the 1St Regular Session that the board has discussed at several meetings. Karynlee summarized the issues that the board previously supported be included in the bill and shared that the Department of Health and Human Services was working with Representative Perry on the feasibility of including language in the bill that would require the MHDO to develop a provider database that would be used by the department (and others) specifically to populate a service locator tool. Michelle Probert added a few comments regarding the potential value of the tool.

Karynlee asked the board for their authorization to work with the executive committee on LD 30 and other legislative bills as they are rolled out this session that may impact the MHDO. The board granted the request and asked that Karynlee periodically update the board on the status of the bills.

The next MHDO Board Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020; 9am-10:30.

**Public Comment**

No public comments

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.