

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Tom Hopkins, Anita Knopp, Katherine Pelletreau, and Dave Winslow. Jim Leonard attended via telephone. Absent members were: Mike DeLorenzo, Peter Gore, and Neil Korsen. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

Chair Report

Vote to approve Board minutes - After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the August 7, 2014 MHDO Board minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Board Appointments/Reappointments - A discussion ensued regarding the need for additional consumer representation on the Board. Various people were recommended and will be contacted by members of the Executive Committee. It was suggested that an organization be identified to field consumer representatives and Poppy Arford offered to draft relevant language that she will send to Karynlee for review.

A list from the Maine Hospital Association for a pending hospital representative has been provided to the Governor's Office, and a list for a 3rd party payer representative will be forthcoming from the Maine Association of Health Plans.

As a deliverable from the Board retreat, a handout was distributed outlining a charge and composition of a subcommittee to address Phase 2 of LD 1740. A consumer representative was listed as "TBD" and Poppy Arford volunteered to serve until a new consumer member is appointed to the board. Katherine Pelletreau was nominated and accepted the position of Chair of the subcommittee. Karynlee will draft a letter for Lisa to send to members officially appointing them to the subcommittee, outlining the charge, and informing them of the chairperson.

Jim Leonard stated that per the Boards request he had contacted the CMMI project officer who has contracted with Shadec, a research organization from the University of Minnesota, to perform some research related to the question we had asked around

clinical data. Karynlee will forward to the Board the correspondence that Jim had sent to Shadec and their recent response.

Acting Executive Director Report

Project Management Report

MHDO Data Release Status - Karynlee informed the Board that the calendar of the data submissions/release schedule has been finalized and will be put online asap. She informed the Board that she received an e-mail from a large claim data user-she reported that she shared the specific concerns raised by the user with the executive committee and provided a written response to the user. Karynlee summarized for the board several of the key issues and her response.

Karynlee updated the Board on the current release schedule of the claims and hospital data. She stated that 2012 hospital data will be used in updating MONAHRQ with the latest version 5.0. The goal is the updated site is available in January. Once the 2013 hospital data is ready MONAHRQ will be updated with 2013.

Transformation Progress - The top priority has been data releases. The contract amendment with HSRI for the core work should be complete within the next couple of weeks. An all-day planning meeting with HSRI/NORC and MHDO team is scheduled for the end of the month. Goal of the session is to discuss in detail the deliverables over the next 12 months. Some of the major areas of discussion will be in regard to data modeling including next steps with the development of the master provider and patient indices, metadata and the self service model. Karynlee will share the results of that meeting with the board at the October or November Board meeting.

Transparency Grant Cycle III – Karynlee summarized the activities that the team has been engaged in specific to HealthCost- the team has been focused on dissecting the current HealthCost methodology and are getting closer to developing a new methodology that will address some of the issues with the current.

Karynlee informed the Board of the annual NAHDO/APCD annual meeting in October and the board encouraged her attendance at the meeting. It was stated that this would be an ideal place to discuss with other states standardization and to continue to form and strengthen partnerships.

Compliance Issues/Updates - There were no compliance issues to report.

User Group Updates - The next meeting of the Consumer User Group will focus on what quality data means to the consumer. Karynlee discussed the value and development of personas to help guide conversations around the website content

strategy. Karynlee will send the personas to the Board. Poppy recommended setting goals for what should be provided on the website to the public.

Karynlee stated that Gordon Smith and Andy MacLean are reviewing the suggested posters for distribution to the hospitals and she hopes to hear of their decision this week. Lisa stated that the Cycle III and Cycle IV grants are providing the funding for the enhancements to the HealthCost website and she asked for a report showing the deliverables and goals in reference to phase one and phase two of the website for the next Board meeting. Karynlee will prepare the information starting with the project abstract.

In reviewing the application for the Cycle IV grant the Feds have asked that the MHDO formalize a conflict of interest policy, which Karynlee will draft. She will review the policy with the executive committee before bringing it to the full Board.

Update on Timeline Regarding New Release Rule - The timeline for the implementation of Phase I of LD 1740 was re distributed. A link to Chapter 120 will be e-mailed to allow the Board to familiarize themselves with the current date release rule. Karynlee reminded the board that the draft release rule that she and Deanna were working on would replace Chapter 120. Deanna expressed some concern with the timeframe for the Office of the Attorney General's review, but will consult with her supervisor and communicate with Karynlee.

MQF Advisory Council Update

Karynlee informed the Board that there are over 300 physician practices that have registered for the Patient of Experience of Care initiative. She explained at a high level an issue that has come up for some of the larger practices as it relates to the sampling methodology. The guidelines are more flexible in this round compared to the first round based on lessons learned and feedback from the systems/practices. However the requirement that the sampling be consistent so that the public reporting is comparable is an area where the project cannot be flexible.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.