

## MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

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, Anita Knopp, Neil Korsen, Jim Leonard, and Dave Winslow. Katherine Pelletreau joined via telephone for a portion of the meeting. Absent members were: Mike DeLorenzo, Maryagnes Gillman and Peter Gore. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

### **Chair Report**

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 8, 2015 and March 5, 2015 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried. The January 8 minutes referenced a meeting later in the month. Those minutes will be available and voted on at the next Board meeting.

Summer Calendar - The summer Board meeting/retreat schedule was discussed and the Board decided that, if a quorum could be confirmed for the July 16<sup>th</sup> retreat then the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting would be cancelled. If not, the retreat would be held in September. Board reserved the option to cancel the August Board meeting.

Board Appointments - A handout of board members and their terms/status was disseminated and reviewed by the Board. All nomination paperwork should be taken care of before the July meeting. It was stated that a governance policy is needed and the topic will be a retreat agenda item.

Legislative Update - Karynlee informed the Board that there may be a bill this legislative session that may impact the MHDO (re: transparency/encouraging consumers to shop). She is working with staff of the bill sponsor to educate them on the MHDO's new cost and quality website. She will brief the Executive Committee as the process unfolds.

Next Steps Re: Proposed Data Release Rule - Lisa Harvey-McPherson reviewed the motion that the Board passed at their previous Board meeting specific to the new data release rule. The Board further discussed the issue of charge data not being proprietary, and of not releasing charges and payments together.

The goal of the Board is to provisionally adopt the proposed data release rule in the fall to allow time for submission to the Legislature in January 2016. Karynlee will revise the rule based on Board discussions and will send a redlined version to the Board prior to the May meeting for discussion.

A meeting of the Phase II Subcommittee will be scheduled and they will report to the Board at the retreat.

### **Acting Executive Director Report**

Data Release - Karynlee stated that Quarter 4 claims data is scheduled to be released at the end of the month, as indicated in the data release schedule on the MHDO web site. She informed the Board that she and staff continue to work with several hospitals regarding their submissions for certain months in calendar years 2012 and 2013. She reported that they are making progress with cleaning up the historical data. Now with the correct compliance structure in place these issues will be minimized significantly.

Transformation - A survey regarding the proposed new data submission system for hospital encounter data is being sent out to hospitals. Plans for the new system will be described in more detail via a webinar that is scheduled for the last week in May. Karynlee is recommending that Chapter 241 also be updated this year to align definitions more closely with national standards.

Karynlee has a call scheduled with HealthInfoNet on April 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss their solution to the issue with the master person index, as indicated in the document provided to the Board. Regarding the provider index issue also described in the handout, there is an interim solution dealing with identifying providers. Refer to handout.

CompareMaine (new website) - A screenshot of the new logo for the new website was disseminated. Karynlee informed the Board that the MHDO is going to service mark this logo using outside legal help. Refer to handout.

Timeline for upcoming recommendation/board decisions - The Board was given a timeline for upcoming discussions, which they agreed to, as discussed at the March meeting. Refer to handout.

Data Requests - A handout showing data requests received in state fiscal year 2015 was provided to the Board to inform them of which organizations, and what data, are being requested from the MHDO.

A budget document was also disseminated indicating there are funds available to cover expenses for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

### **MQF Update**

New HAI Collaborating Partners Committee - A handout was provided outlining the committee's mission, objectives, membership and staff. The committee, which is being co-chaired by Rita Owsiak-the HAI Coordinator for the Maine CDC and Karynlee, will meet on a monthly basis through August. The group will decide at that time the meeting schedule going forward. A web page has been added to MHDO website that the Board can use as a resource to track progress of the committee.

Status of HAI 2015 Annual Report - Karynlee has a draft of the report that she has been working on with staff at Muskie and the Maine CDC. She hopes to release the report before the end of May.

Moving Maine Quality Forum (MQF) into MHDO - Karynlee informed the Board that the Insurance and Financial Services (IFS) Committee has voted unanimously to put in a committee bill to move the MQF into MHDO. There was a unanimous vote out of the IFS committee to approve the MQF budget, which is now a part of the General Fund. Karynlee will brief the executive committee as the process unfolds.

### **Public Comment**

No public in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.